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College establishes absence limit

By Meleah Chamberlain
News Editor

A policy statement regarding the minimum number of classes that students must attend in order to receive course credit will be considered by the Faculty Athletic Policy Committee (FAPC), the faculty and the administration at their meeting on January 17.

The decision to change the policy comes in the wake of faculty upset over ski team members' absences in winter term. Several ski team members participated in the National Competitions in Utah over holiday break. Some successively qualified for higher level races, which continue until January 17, when winter term classes are more than half completed. Some of these students made previous arrangements for their classes, such as independent studies, but others spoke to their professors later than the faculty and administration saw as acceptable, according to Russell Reilly, Director of Athletics. Some of the students did not contact their professors until early January .

"There was a lack of clarity about obligations that prompted a way to communicate our expectations with the students," said Alison Byerly, Associate Dean of the Faculty and coordinator of winter term. "Through failures of communication, students often misunderstand obligations to winter term classes. As a result, the administration is drafting a policy statement which is a description of the absolute minimum number of classes that a student should expect to attend if he or she wishes to receive credit for a course."

The administration asked the coaches involved to advise those students that they would lose their place in their winter term classes if they failed to attend their first day of classes, according to Byerly.

School policy states that if a student does not attend the first two hours of a class or make prior arrangements, he will automatically be dropped from the winter and spring terms. In order to take classes in the spring, he or she must apply to the administration committee for re-admittance . If a student is not attending 12 credit hours of a four-year collegiate institution, the NCAA will not allow that athlete to play on a college team.

Reilly said that the misinterpretation occurred for several reasons. Athletes thought there would be more flexibility in scheduling and many students failed to comprehend the school's policy that first year students must take a winter course on campus.

Byerly said, "The students were misinformed and not fully aware of their obligations. Athletic competitions are not excused absences."

Athletic games are explained absences, which do not excuse the student from the work or course obligations, said Wyatt.

All faculty members receive a schedule of the game dates of each team for the year. According to the FAPC statement on explained absence, "Although faculty are expected to make their policy on course attendance clear at the beginning of each course, it is the individual student's responsibility to consult with his or her instructor as to the effect of explained absences."

"We are very sensitive to the missed class issue and try to keep it at a minimum," said Reilly. He said that scheduling is complicated with the increasing number of late afternoon and evening classes. "It is more difficult to have student opportunities for all kinds of extra curricular activities without a protected block of time."

According to Byerly, the issue of missing class comes to a head in winter term because of the lessened class time. "Winter term is serious like any other, not more dispensable in terms of time."

The policy statement will express the limit of class absences in terms of a percentage.

After the minimum number of days are missed for any unexcused reason, the student will be dropped from the course and receive no credit. Limits that professors set for maximum missed days will be considered as the rule for that class, and the school-wide policy will cover any courses without set limits.

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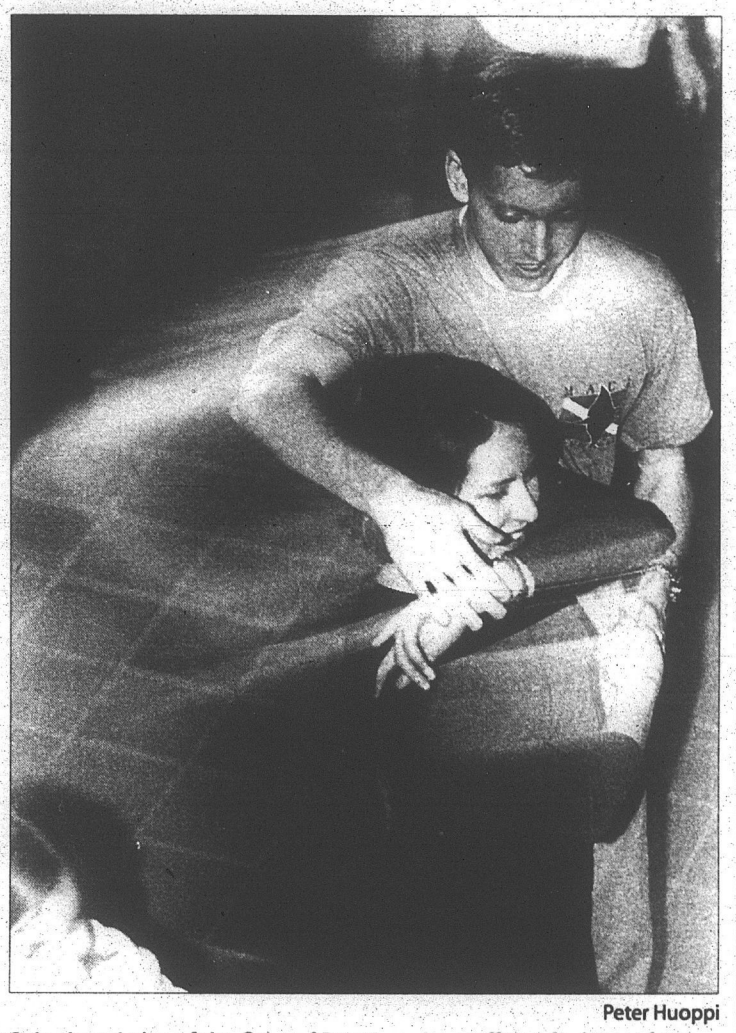

Peter Huoppi

Spinning circles of the floor of Ross Lounge, *Jeff Kendig '00 and Jenny Morgan '00 practice their moves during a dance workshop on Tuesday.*

Scott Symposium offers views on world religion

By Chris Atwood
Staff Writer

In an effort to stimulate discussion concerning World Religions and World Conflicts, Middlebury College sponsored its third annual Scott Symposium on January 6-7. Two lecturers spoke each day, with their talks linked via video between Middlebury, Vermont and the Salzburg Seminar in Austria, where 30 Middlebury students are currently studying Religion and Conflict in Modern Europe.

The symposium's subject matter dealt with international politics, diplomacy and religion in conjunction with various, more region-specific Winter Term clustered classes. Event speakers included: Dr. Fareed Zakaria, Dr. Olin Robinson, Professor Walker Connor and Dr. Douglas Johnston. Although the initial Scott Symposium discussions ended, lectures regarding specific world regions such as China, Indonesia, Bosnia, Africa and the Middle East will continue through January 23.

Named in honor of Charles Scott, former chaplain of Middlebury College from the 1950s to1980s, the Scott Symposium has previously addressed Religion in America, and Religion and Art. During the end of Scott's tenure, alumni created an endowment in his honor, the funds of which allow the Scott Symposium to take place.

Professor of Religion Larry Yarbrough, who helped select the symposium's speakers, said he sees the goal of the Scott Symposium as "something that would have broad appeal and add to the intellectual and spiritual aspect of the campus."

Yarbrough also said that the Scott Symposium was "not designed to provide answers but to provoke questions."

Yarbrough said he believes the discussions that go on within the classrooms are as important as the questions raised in the broader lectures of the symposium. "There is an integral relationship between the lectures and the class. The courses in

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Room Draw plans focus on seniority

By Alison Hertel
Staff Writer

A housing crunch at Middlebury for the past few years has resulted in students living in converted lounges and an increased number of students living off campus. The residential life committee has received complaints and constructive criticism, especially about the commons room draw system attempted last year.

As a result of student and administration concerns, the Residential Life Staff is reviewing the room draw process. The plans for this year's room draw are not yet final. The Residential Life Committee will spend the next month finalizing general guidelines from proposals they received from the Student Government Association, the Intercommons Council and approximately twenty student letters. A final draft of the guidelines is scheduled to be available by the end of the month.

Kathy Ebner, Dean of Commons, "The main goals of the Residential Life Committee are to make room draw simpler and to have seniority as an organizing principle." Room draw will not be decentralized and the dean of commons office will run the draw. Students will have only one random number and the commons will participate together in only one room draw without housing perks for commons council members. Substance free room draw will still be held separately.

The college is also working on creating more beds to permanently end the housing shortage. Plans for new dorms in Ross Commons include four-person apartments with bathrooms, living areas and kitchenettes. On the top floor of the new dorm there will be senior-quality singles. Construction is scheduled for early summer of this year. The dorm will be constructed along with a grassy area in what is now Upper and Lower A Lot. They plan to add parking to Ridgeline in order to compensate for the loss in parking spaces. Tom McGinn, who is coordinating the Ross Commons project, said, "We won't close A lot until additional parking has been added to the Ridgeline parking lot."

In addition to the new dorm, Ross commons will add beds in Miliken Tower in the form of vertical apartments. The four-student Voter-like apartments will include a common area, kitchenette and bathroom and will house a total of 18 people. Both the new dorm and the vertical apartments will add more upper classmen beds to Ross Commons. Maria Trumpler, Dean of Ross Commons, said she hopes that the new housing will provide "attractive living options for seniors."

Housing will be also added in Atwater Commons. The Atwater housing will house seniors and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2002. This housing is planned to add 100 to 140 beds. Plans are still being considered for the Atwater housing.

In addition to plans for the new dorms, the college has a long-term goal of reducing the number of students allowed off-campus to 60. After the new housing is established, the need for students to be off-campus will diminish. Kathy Ebner said, "The town's housing market can barely support the 100 students living off-campus now." Residential Life also would also like to change some small student houses in town into faculty rentals. However, the change in town is a long-term goal that will not happen for some time.

In another housing-related issue, the Community Council is reviewing proposals to add a Russian and a Japanese house. If these proposals are passed the houses will change from senior housing to academic housing.

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By Meleah Chamberlain
News Editor

Dartmouth proposes Cluster plan similar to Commons

Dartmouth College in New Hampshire issued a steering committee recommendations report that calls for changes in the housing situation, including mention of "common houses"and non-student residential staff.

Committee chair Susan Dentzer said the changes to the residential system at the College were "drastic" and "the centerpiece of our proposal." She said the College wants to "take the best of the old Dartmouth ... forward into the next century" with "a system where people will feel at home in residence halls."

The new system proposed, not unlike Middlebury's Commons System, would assign first years an affiliated commons upon matriculation, where they would have the opportunity to live within the cluster until senior year, when other housing is available. A student-run governing board called the "Cluster Council" is also a proposed part of the plan.

The committee proposed to add common houses to each cluster and adding more non-student residential staff and supply housing for 350 more students.

The committee included recommendations for major Greek reform, acting on College President James Wright's promise to end the Greek system "as we know it." Though the single-sex Greek system will remain intact at the present time, the report recommended stricter regulations for the Coed Fraternity Sorority (CFS) houses, which could result in some houses being derecognized by the College. The regulations will cover facility, membership organization of the house and are an attempt to phase the houses out of the prominence in Dartmouth's residential and social spheres. The report states, "This reduction is desirable in order to eliminate the historical dominance by the CFS organizations of Dartmouth social life."

Williams freezes tuition, Middlebury won't follow suit

Williams College in Massachusetts instituted a freeze on tuition for this school year, which may have a ripple effect at other high-priced schools, experts say. The tuition for 2000-01 will be $31, 520, the same fee that was charged for 1999, said the president of the College, Carl Vogt.

William's tuition has climbed annually for the past 46 years, from $20,780 in 1990. However, due to strong investment returns and alumni contributions, the college is not in need of the same increased fee as in previous years, according to Vogt. "This just seems like a logical move for us," he told The New York Times.

Tuesday's announcement may put pressure on schools similar to Williams to hold fees in line, said Stanley O. Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education.

"This will raise the competitive stakes for other institutions to work even harder to contain costs for themselves and the costs they pass on to their students," he said.

However, Middlebury College is not considering a freeze on tuition at this time, said President John McCardell. According to SGA President Dana Dunleavy '00, who met with the president to discuss the issue, freezing the tuition would require "a large endowment."

Campus Weather

Four day forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 41° Low: 22°	High: 49° Low: 28°	High: 50° Low: 34°	High: 50° Low: 36°

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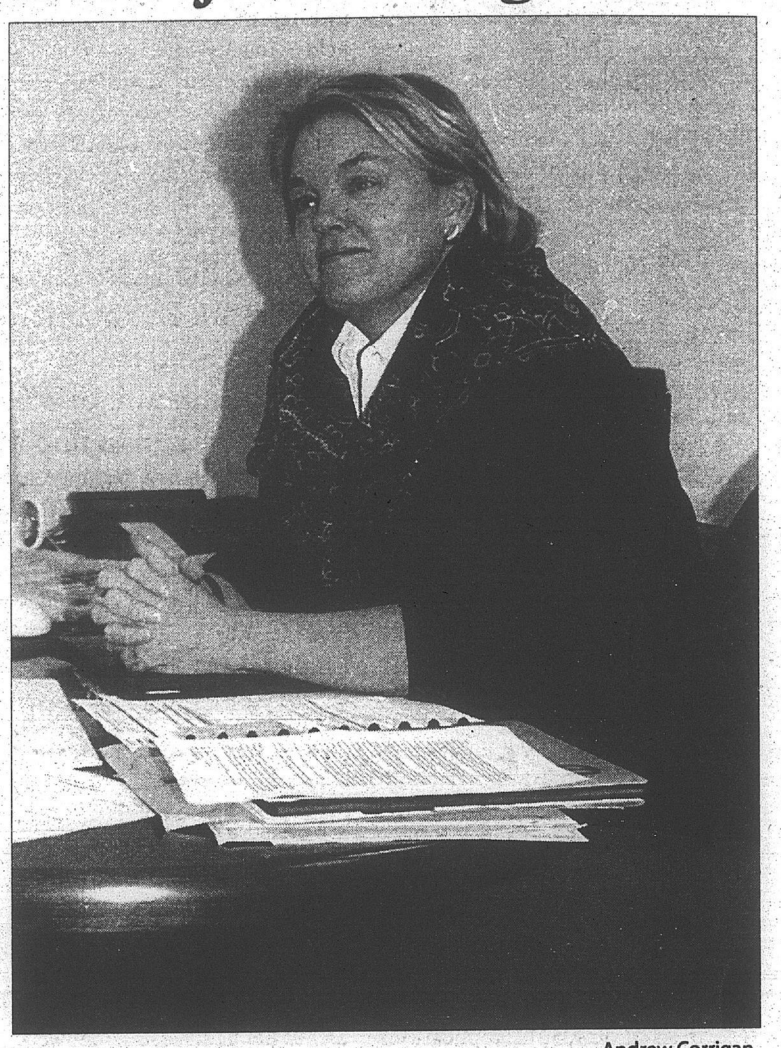
New CSO director joins college staff

By Anne DeWitt
In-Depth Editor



Andrew Corrigan

Jaye Rosebourough is the new director of the Career Services Office.

The Campus: Where did you work before coming to Middlebury?

Rosebourough: I was at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., right outside of Boston.

C: How long were you there?

R: A little over two years. I was the director of the Alumni career programs, which was part of the Center for Work and Service.

My responsibility was to create and direct and certainly provide services and programs for the 33,000 alumni living all over the world. That centered around some main aspects of doing actual career-related programming in various alumni regions. They have ten alumni regions around the country and an international division. I would actually go there and do workshops and programs that were career-related, either in terms of the nuts-and-bolts stuff like looking for a job and networking, as well as trends in the job market.

Then, also, I had responsibility for all of the on-campus services: career counseling for alums. Everything that you would do for an undergraduate student we also provided those services for Wellesley alums.

And then thirdly—and a real fun area—were all the alumni-student programs, all of those kinds of programs that connected the fabulous resources that alums of any school provide, with our current students.

I talked with lots and lots of people, and every single one of them said, "Oh, what a fabulous place to work!"...
—Jaye Rosebourough, CSO director

C: How did you come to work at Middlebury?

R: Well, actually, I was sought out. Middlebury used a search firm for this last hiring and I was contacted by the search firm based on a referral from a colleague of mine at Harvard, who said I might be what they were looking for. I was thrilled to explore this opportunity at Middlebury, even though I was very happy at Wellesley. I wasn't looking or going anywhere, but obviously it was too good an opportunity to pass up.

I talked with lots and lots of people, and every single one of them said "Oh, what a fabulous place to work" and "What a great student body" and "What a great community" and "What a wonderful place to live." Either the Chamber of Commerce here is handing out a lot of checks to people to get them to do good PR or it must be true.

C: How long have you been here?

R: I came to work Monday and Tuesday last week, and a few hours Wednesday and then had to leave and go to a conference in Boston that has to do with our whole on-line job information, recruiting, data management. I think you call it Mojo on-line. Then I just got back.

C: What do expect from this job?

R: Well, first of all, I'm just looking to learn my way around, and who all the players are. Secondly, I'm looking to provide leadership and support for the staff that's here, who are already doing a tremendous job, but I think they're looking for the cohesiveness of having a permanent leader. And then thirdly I'm looking to build upon and improve upon the already good career services program that's here, but certainly to take it forward to the level of excellence that President McCardell is looking for.

C: So how do you like Middlebury so far?

R: It's delightful—the people are delightful. I look forward to feeling a little bit more in place.

C: How well do you think the CSO currently works?

R: You know, it would be difficult for me to say, having not really had time to assess everything, but based on who I've met, what I've seen here, what's provided, what's in place and being offered, I think they're doing a great job. There's always room for any staff to grow and improve and this staff is certainly eager to do that, but I think they've been doing a very fine job.

C: Do you have specific changes that want to make here?

R: No, not really. As I informed people when I was interviewing and coming in early, I have to assess what here's first. Sort of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and also not reinventing the wheel and making a great deal of change that may be unnecessary. This semester for me will be essentially to ensure that we're providing good service and that the main things are being provided, but also to assess where we need to go. Then this summer we're going to take a look at the whole thing, and then if they need to create new things they'll be on tap for this fall.

Bob Keeshan *formerly Captain Kangaroo*

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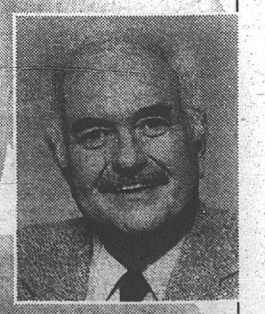

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Modular homes near completion, set for occupation next month

By Alison Hertel
Staff Writer

The modular homes, which were originally planned to be occupied in mid-October, are on-campus and will be completed this week for the student residents moving in February. The homes, initially available only to seniors, have now been opened to juniors, and will be chosen in a draw based on seniority.

The five houses are located near the Ridgeline Parking Lot. Each house has five singles, one double, two bathrooms, a kitchen and dining area and a living area. They will have full telephone and Ethernet wiring. The houses will be chosen through a block draw that will be held Friday, January 14, 2000. Students can pick up application forms outside of Paige Budelsky's office in order to be considered. Budelsky said she plans to have tours be available when the houses are completed.

Despite all of the long-term issues, the modular homes are an impressive answer to the housing crunch, especially given the limited amount of time the residential life staff had to find nearly 100 students a place to live.

—Sarah Cooley '00

The houses are included as part of Ross Commons. Ross was chosen because it is physically the closest commons to the new houses and because it has the smallest number of seniors proportionally.

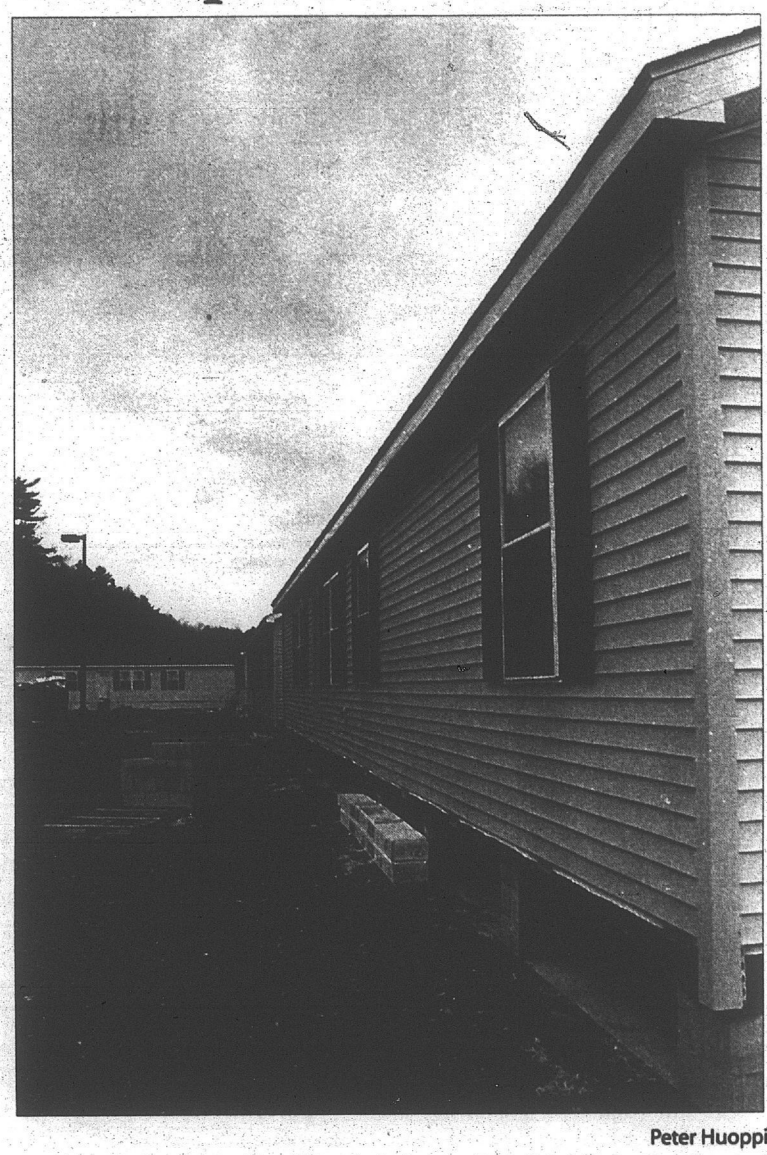
There was a lot of discussion among the Ross Commons Team over what to name them. After much deliberation and considerations such as characters from the television show "The Simpsons," it was decided that the houses would be named after famous explorers. They are named Earhart, Cousteau, Norgay, Peary and Ride.

The residential life staff began the process of trying to get modular homes on-campus as a solution to the housing shortage in August. The zoning map of the town allows for modular housing only in designated areas. As Middlebury's proposed site was not designated, it took some time to get the homes approved. They are currently approved for the next four years. At that time the administration hopes that a permanent solution to the housing crunch will be in place.

The residential life staff needed to create more housing this year in order to accommodate the student body, as there were 32 people without rooms at the beginning of the academic year. The residential life staff researched alternatives before deciding on modular homes as the temporary solution to the housing crunch. Kathy Ebner, Dean of Commons, said, "Many other schools have used modular homes as temporary housing and the students have liked them."

Sarah Cooley '00 shares Ebner's positive view of the modular homes, but emphasizes the temporary aspect of them. Cooley said, "Despite all of the long-term issues, the modular homes are an impressive answer to the housing crunch, especially given the limited amount of time residential life had to find nearly 100 students a place to live. In this respect, it is a great idea."

Paige Budelsky, Assistant Director of Residential Life, said, "The homes are really nice." She went to visit the site where they are built and looked at the various models. A floor plan of the chosen model is available outside of her office. Budelsky is also hoping to have tours of the houses as soon as they are completed this week.



Peter Huoppi
The nearly completed modular homes will be ready for residents in February.

College receives record number of applications

By Laura Tarimo
Staff Writer

Middlebury College's Admissions Office received more applications this year than any other year. As of now, 5011 applications have been received and even more are expected before the end of the application due-date. This is a three percent increase from the 4864 applications received last year.

The Dean of Students Affairs, Ann Hanson, said that this is the first time the numbers have reached or passed 5000. "And [the numbers] will end up even higher than this before the year is through." A number of applications received have not been included in the count because the application fee/waiver have yet to be submitted.

The number of Early Decision applicants has increased by 11 percent from last year. John Hanson, the Director of Admissions, said he sees this as a good sign. "The higher number of Early Decision applicants tells us that Middlebury is the first choice of an increasing number of students. They will bring their talents and abilities but especially their commitment. It helps campus morale."

Middlebury has two Early Decision options. In the first round, after the application due-date of November 15, students are notified of their enrollment status by December 15. Students applying during the second round are notified early in February. Hanson explained that the second round allows students who were unable to make a decision on their first choice in November due to athletic activities or other autumn seasonal activities, to do so in December.

According to Hanson, this year's Early Decision applicant pool was very strong. "The increased numbers don't make it any easier to choose What we will end up with is a great class this year." Hanson reports that many deferred students were very strong academically and the Admissions Committee wanted to look at them comparatively to the applicants of regular decision.

In spite of the larger pool, the College will admit fewer students this year than it did last year. The change is due to recent problems encountered with housing and over-estimations in overseas study. The matriculation rate is expected to be 530 students for the fall term and 115 students admitted in February. Last year 540 students matriculated in the fall.

President John McCardell views the large applicant pool as telling of the value prospective students attach to the educational experience at Middlebury. He said, "I believe that the growing interest expressed in Middlebury College is a reflection of our efforts to build the College of the future." McCardell said he has high expectations for the class of 2004. "I believe that the class that enters this fall will be the most selective ever, and thus potentially the strongest ever."

SGA Briefs

The SGA Safety Task Force took on an initiative to recruit student workers for the Midd Rides program. By Monday Jan 10, over 60 applications were submitted. The SGA plans to have the Midd Rides program up and running by the onset of the Spring semester.

Applications for the following committees are now available on the web at www.middlebury.edu/~sga
Applications for these committees are due in box D-11 by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 14: Comprehensive Fee Committee, Harassment Policy Review Committee, Student Educational Affairs Committee, Student Technology Advisory Committee, Symposium Committee, Web Guidance Committee. Applications for the Feb Self-Study Committee are due in box D-11 by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 21.

Community Council met Tuesday to discuss Beer Pong and Bars in rooms on campus.

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01/04/00	Responded to a report of an auto accident in Adirondack Circle.
01/07/00	Responded to a report of an unregistered party in Weybridge House.
01/07/00	Responded to a report of an intoxicated student in Hadley.
01/07/00	Received a report of vandalism in McCullough.
01/07/00	Responded to a report of an unregistered party in Franklin.
01/08/00	Responded to a report of an unregistered party in Dewett.
01/08/00	Responded to an illegal party in Battell.
01/08/00	Responded to a report of an unregistered party at 126 South Main Street.
01/09/00	Responded to a medical emergency in KDR.
01/10/00	Received a report of stolen furniture from Hepburn.

If you have any information on the above incidents, please contact the Department of Public Safety at x-5911 or x-5133.

DeGray and Andrieu retire from college staff to pursue interests

By Seth Kroop
Staff Writer

College employees Beverly DeGray and Brenda Andrieu recently decided to retire. Both women reflect positively on their experiences at Middlebury and plan to stay active.

After working for Middlebury Dining Services for 42 and a half years, DeGray came in for her last day of work on Friday, January 7.

DeGray has been the head of the Crest Room since it began in 1960 and ran other snack bars on-campus before it began. She has also helped cater special events such as alumni weekends and worked at the Breadloaf English school, the golf course, and the Snow Bowl.

DeGray came to work at Middlebury College in July 1957, two years after her high school graduation. Before coming to the College, DeGray operated a soda fountain in downtown Middlebury in what is now Angela's Restaurant.

Looking back on her time in the food service industry at Middlebury, DeGray said that she feels she has had the unique opportunity to forge relationships with students, professors, and administrators.

"I'm very proud of having served the college community for 42 and a half years and having had the privilege of raising two wonderful daughters at the same time," said DeGray. "I feel I had a wonderful relationship with the students, the administration, and the faculty."

DeGray takes pride in the relationships she has established while working in the Crest Room, especially with the students. She concentrated on learning students' names, and keeping in touch with them when they come back for alumni weekends, and she is excited to meet new students who are children of alumni that she remembers.

"In particular, I always took the freshman under my wing. I told them where to go downtown, I lent them my car if they needed it, and I tried to do the little things that made them feel more comfortable," she said.

Although she is retiring, DeGray plans to stay active in Middlebury College life. She intends to visit for alumni events and is excited at the opportunity to be able to go to more sporting events.

Looking back on all of the history she has witnessed at Middlebury college, DeGray is nostalgic for the 1960s.

"The sixties were an exciting time at Middlebury. The students were excited at that time, and they had causes. The students have never changed, but their causes have now. They're still the same good students."

DeGray, who has worked through the administration of five different college presidents and under four different food service directors, is pleased, but emotional about her retirement.

"It's going to be emotional not being around the students, faculty, and alumni," said DeGray, "but I'm happy to be able to leave while I'm healthy."

DeGray will be missed by her colleagues in Middlebury Dining Services. Said Matthew Biette, Associate Director of Middlebury Dining Services, "Beverly is an icon. And when you lose an icon you lose a lot of history. She has seen more changes in Middlebury than the majority of people here."

Andrieu, who has been a psychological counselor in the Center for Counseling and Human Relations for the past 11 and a half years will also be retiring at the end of the month.

"I enjoy sharing whatever knowledge or insights I have with people," Andrieu said. "It gives me great pleasure when someone calls on me and wants me to share some insights that I might have. I also feel humbled to know that students entrust their personal lives to me."

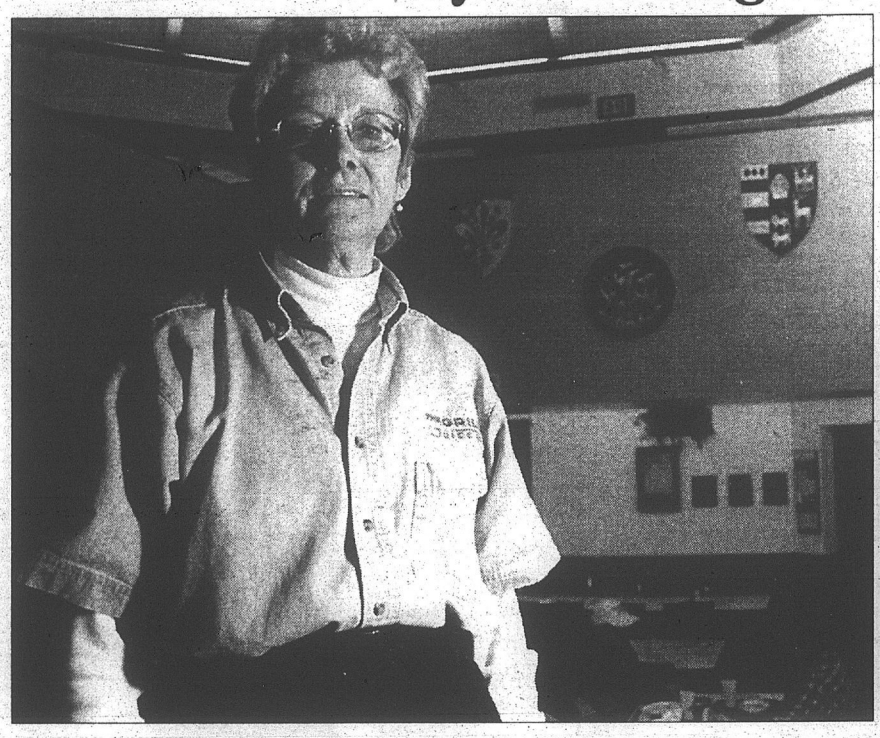
Andrieu said that both she and DeGray deal with students but the contexts in which they forge relationships with students are very different.

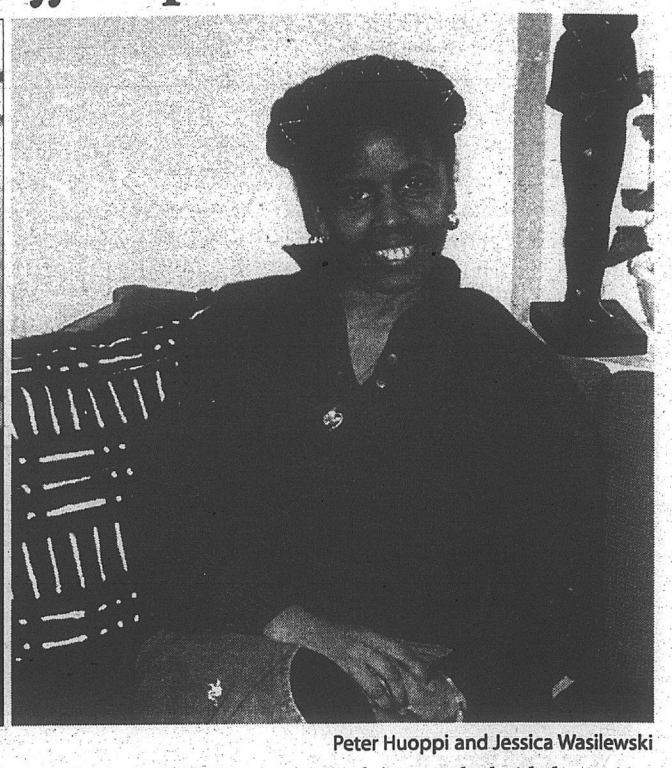
"In the dining services, you get to see people in different moods. Some are happy; some are sad. But most of the people that come to counseling are in a difficult situation," Andrieu said. "It's not a happy situation, but you know you're needed and valued in that situation."

After seeing students come into her office over the past 11 years, Andrieu has often wondered what it would be like to be a student at Middlebury. She explains that several years ago she and Gary Margolis, Director of the Center for Counseling, audited a Spanish class. But that is the closest she has come to fulfilling this curiosity.

Despite her retirement, Andrieu plans to stay very active. She will continue to do disability evaluations for the state of Vermont. In addition, she hopes to participate in the Senior Olympics. She also plans to sell Native-American and African arts and crafts, a hobby of hers. "I don't plan to sit in my rocking chair and knit," she explained.

Andrieu says that she will most miss the indirect advantages of being on a college campus. "I guess you could call it the intellectual stimulation," she said.





Peter Huoppi and Jessica Wasilewski

College employees Beverly DeGray, former head of the Crest Room (left), and Brenda Andrieu, a psychological counselor (right), recently decided to retire.

Midd Briefs

By Meleah Chamberlain
News Editor

Board of Trustees elects Churchill Franklin as chair

The Middlebury College Board of Trustees elected Churchill Franklin as their chair beginning January 1, 2000.

Franklin graduated from Middlebury in 1971 where he majored in American literature and participated in varsity football. After begin elected a trustee in 1989, Franklin served as vice chair of the Middlebury board and a member of several board committees.

As an alumnus of the College, Franklin chairs the leadership gifts committee for the College's Bicentennial Campaign, and has served as chair of the reunion gift committees for his 15 and 25-year reunions. He is also an admissions volunteer, a class agent and alumni career advisor. Franklin is the founding president of the Boston Middlebury College Alumni Association and organized the first off-campus phonathan fundraiser for the College.

In addition to his involvement in the College, Franklin is executive vice president and co-founder of Acadian Asset Management, a five billion dollar global investment management firm, whose clients include Fortune 500 companies, large state retirement funds, foundations and endowments.

John McCardell Jr., president of the College, said, "As Middlebury prepares to enter its third century, Churchill Franklin offers the bold leadership needed to guide the College into the very top ranks of liberal arts colleges in the nation. His dedication and loyalty, combined with his willingness to work hard on behalf of Middlebury, have prepared Churchill well for the responsibilities which he now assumes," said McCardell

Franklin succeeds outgoing board chair Claire Gargalli, who remains a charter trustee of the College. Gargalli will serve as vice chair of the board.

Kresge Foundation grants science equipment funds

The Michigan-based Kresge Foundation recently awarded Middlebury College a Science Initiative Challenge Grant of $500,000 for science equipment. The College has received one half of that total, which is $250,000. The grant supplements the funds raised by the College to purchase equipment for chemistry, geology and physics. An additional $250,000 will support an endowment fund for the purchase of new or replacement instrumentation in the future. In order to receive the second part of the grant, the College must raise an additional one million dollars by the spring of 2001, creating a total endowment fund of $1.25 million.

Scott Symposium lecture explores world religions

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the cluster will test and evaluate the ideas raised in the lectures, with some courses seeking a more carefully defined use of the term 'religion' and an understanding of its role in specific regions and conflicts."

Speaking on the morning of Thursday, January 6, Zakaria, who works as Managing Editor of Foreign Affairs and a Contributing Editor of Newsweek, discussed 'Religion and World Conflict' from a political science perspective. Zakaria said that religion is an important influence when examining political conflict, but that political scientists do not evaluate doctrine issues because they rarely play a significant role in the conflicts.

Later that day, Robinson, President of the Salzburg Seminar and President Emeritus of the College, discussed the growing importance of human rights in foreign policy. Robinson said that although certain figures such as Jimmy Carter helped bring human rights to the forefront of policy making, religion has yet to be recognized as a significant piece of foreign policy.

Friday, January 7, Connor lectured concerning religious conflicts throughout history. Connor is a visiting professor of Political Science and Distinguished Scholar-in-residence. In addition, Connor has been widely published, including his book Ethnonationalism: The Quest for Understanding (1994). Because religion is linked to ethnic identity, argued Connor, in many cases it impacts local and regional conflicts.

As the final lecturer of the Scott Symposium, Douglas Johnston, President of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy, said that the strong Western Separation of Church and State led to difficulty in understanding how religion and politics blend in other parts of the world. Johnston said that there is a "learned repugnance" to the mention of religion in conflict resolution among Western Governments.

Johnston said that practical conflict resolution should utilize the advantages of government involvement, coupled with the third party trust and influence religion can add. "Until we introduce this spiritual aspect to world politics we are doomed to return to this cycle of revenge, violence for violence," said Johnston.

Professor Bill Waldron, who teaches a cluster class entitled "Chinese Communist Destruction of Tibetan Buddhist Civilization," said, "In general, the entire symposium was designed to cover a wide variety of issues and perspectives, just like the classes clustered around the theme of Religion and World Conflict. Thus, they complement the courses very well. Not all of them, of course, apply equally to all courses, but many of the issues raised in the talks have come up in class and will certainly come up again. All in all, the symposium has worked very well, as is evidenced by the large audience attending the lectures."

Governor Dean discusses his goals

By Bob Wainwright
Features Editor

***Campus:** Governor Dean, how did you become interested in politics?*

Dean: I was always a big fan of Jimmy Carter's, and when I was in medical school President Carter was running for re-election.

So, I decided to volunteer for his campaign. The head of the campaign turned out to be a state senator who had lived about five doors down from me, so I got to know all of her family and friends, and that got me involved in politics in Vermont.

***Campus:** What are your legislative plans for the year 2000?*

Dean: We have done a lot of things in the past eight years, particularly in health care, land conservation, and education.

What I really would like to do is get the legislature to consolidate our gains. Sometimes in periods of change, the change outstrips people's ability to adjust, and I think we're in danger of that now.

So we need to make sure that our health care and education systems are financially sustainable. There will be an enormous number of other things, but those two will be most important.

***Campus:** Will you continue to focus on the Vermont work force?*

Dean: Yes, because even though right now we have an enormous number of new jobs, I think it is important to prepare the economy. When the downturn comes, and eventually it will, we will need to respond.

***Campus:** You have said in the past that you feel the best way to improve jobs in Vermont is through a well-educated work force.*

Dean: Correct. One of the advantages Vermont has is a really hard-working work force, which is pretty well-educated relative to the rest of the country. But, Americans aren't particularly well-educated relative to the rest of the world.

It's interesting, for example, that a lot of the computer programmers in Silicon Valley are from Asia, and the reason for that is that they cannot find qualified Americans. I think that, obviously, reflects poorly on our ability to get kids through school and into jobs.

***Campus:** In the past, you have also emphasized the integration of people of color in Vermont through programs like the Coming Home Foundation. Is that a continuing priority?*

Dean: We are asking for $100,000 in the budget for the Coming Home Foundation.

I think that the initial way Vermont tried to become more diverse was to import people from elsewhere, but that probably has turned out to be unsuccessful. Vermont is a unique place, which is why many of us like it.

I think Vermont is going to grow tremendously in the next century. I think we're either going to double or triple our population.
—Vermont Governor Howard Dean

But, you can't transplant yourself very easily, whether you're white or black, from Philadelphia to Vermont. It would be a culture shock. An even more pervasive one to people of color than it would be for whites.

Well, what the Coming Home Foundation does is to work with people of color who are already Vermonters, and to try to increase their opportunities to become leaders in the community. And that, I think, makes sense because it eliminates the culture shock.

These people are Vermonters, and they know what it is like to live in Vermont. And if you are willing to stay and become a leader in your community, that is another way of creating diversity. That is what I want to do— to make it easier for people of color in Vermont to participate in leadership institutions.

***Campus:** In the paper today is an article on the Vermont Supreme Court's ruling in favor of same sex marriages. What is your position on that?*

Dean: I have no problem with the domestic partnership bill. I think that is a good idea, and I think the court basically gave us two choices.

One is to allow gay people to get married and the other is to pass a bill in legislature that sets out all the rights and benefits of marriage, without actually allowing gay marriage. I think there is no possibility the legislature will pass the gay marriage bill. So, I think the thing to do is to pass the comprehensive domestic partnership bill, which will allow gay and lesbian couples to enjoy the same rights as heterosexual couples.

***Campus:** You considered running for president in the upcoming election. Why did you decide in the end not to pursue the presidency?*

Dean: A bunch of reasons. First of all, my kids love living in Vermont, and I think it's really good for them to be in Vermont. And second, the people in the state really didn't like the idea that much.

***Campus:** If you had run for president, what would the core issues of your campaign have been?*

Dean: There are really two enormous ones. The first is to raise relations and diversity in the country as a whole. I think we need an enormous amount of work in that area. And although I think the president has done a great job, we clearly need to do more.

The second is we need a national health insurance plan. Whether it is to be run by the private sector or the government, we have to have one. Another focus is educa-

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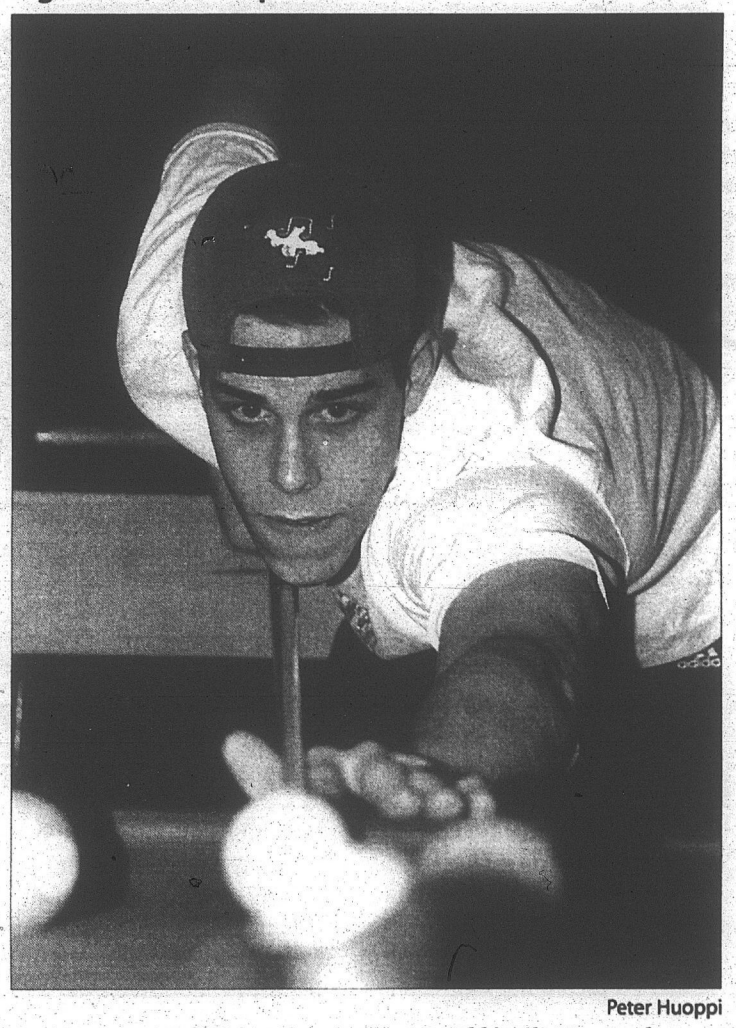
Eight ball, corner pocket



Peter Huoppi

On his way to a decisive victory, *Keegan Uhl '01 lines up a shot while playing a game of eight ball in the Grille on Tuesday night.*

Middkid.com offers course evaluations

By Kristen Sylva
Staff Writer

As a junior counselor, I have found myself deluged with thousands of questions from inquisitive, and sometimes downright nervous first-years concerning which classes they should take and which professors are worthy of their attention. Much to their disappointment, I have not taken every single class at Middlebury College, nor do I personally know each professor employed here.

However, when the time comes again next spring to select courses, students will have a new advantage, thanks to Middkid.com course evaluations. Through this innovative and useful web site, students can evaluate classes and professors from the fall semester, and their reviews will be available online for students to refer to before and during fall registration later on this spring.

Some students and faculty, however, fear the implications of possible negative evaluations…Could multiple negative responses cost a faculty member his or her job?

As the site clearly indicates, these online evaluations are completely unofficial, as well as anonymous. Some of the questions posed are similar to the official evaluation, such as how many hours are spent per week on a particular class. Others, such as "would you recommend this course to another student" and "would you take another course with this professor" appear simple but are in fact far more useful to students.

This online evaluation process is quite efficient, requiring only a few minutes to complete per course. Students are asked to rate different aspects of the class, and at the end are allowed space in which to write additional comments.

According to Middkid.com cofounder Ted Adler '99.5, these responses may be edited for profanity and slander before being posted on the web. Still, these evaluations are comprised entirely of the voices of the student body.

"Students will be able to read evaluations about classes as well as professors," says Adler. "Middkid.com course evaluations merely codify what already exists by word of mouth, and puts it all in one place, creating an online community within the college."

He stresses that Middkid.com is not creating new opinions, but merely exhibiting existing ones in a way that is beneficial to both students and faculty members.

Some students and faculty, however, fear the implications of possible negative evaluations. Certainly, it seems more than likely that a good number of students who will complete evaluations through Middkid.com were unhappy with a particular course or professor. Could multiple negative responses cost a faculty member his or her job?

Adler claims that this is not so. "Keep in mind that students have already filled out the official evaluations, which do have an impact on whether or not a professor continues to be employed by the college. But students don't get to see those evaluations. What we have here at Middkid.com is a way, in fact the only way, for students to be exposed to what their peers really think."

Perhaps then, a password, such as a college identification number, should be required in order to view the evaluations. "What if somehow a prospective student was able to get onto the page," worries Michael Kerkorian, '01. "One poor review could even prevent a student from applying to Middlebury."

Adler feels that such a situation is not likely to have a negative outcome. He argues that many schools already make their official evaluations available to students, and that a poor review may benefit faculty far more than it would other students, perspective or otherwise.

Still, what students must realize is that if they do not complete the evaluations on Middkid.com, there will be no basis for comparison next spring. Think of the Febs who will be searching aimlessly for fall courses- recall the classes you can only wish you'd been warned about.

Middkid.com course evaluations are quick, easy, and will be available through the end of J-Term. Adler reminds us, "The questions and responses are based on what one student would ask another, and, now that the word is out there, I can only hope that people take advantage of it."

Quilting bee

Andrew Corrigan

Hoping to one day sew their own king-sized bed spreads, *students gather closely around a table in Gifford Annex Lounge during a workshop entitled "Quiltmaking Fundamentals" on Monday afternoon.*

Winter term continues to allow students to expand horizons

By Jon White
Staff Writer

In April of 1967, Middlebury College President James Armstrong submitted a two-pronged proposal to the faculty. The proposal called for the establishment of a winter term of study. It also recommended creating a pass/fail system of grading in courses that were not used as credit towards a student's particular major.

The faculty embraced the idea of a winter term, but rejected the proposal based on the concept of eliminating grades in non-major areas of study.

President Armstrong's proposal came on the heels of a nation-wide movement of rethinking higher-level education. The 1950s and '60s saw a growing desire among educators to establish more unconventional programs of study. This included a heightened interest in independent study, as well as the birth of the 4-1-4 system.

According to David M. Stameshkin in his book "The Strength of the Hills, Middlebury College 1915-1990," establishing a 4-1-4 system had popular support not only from President Armstrong, but also the faculty. While the faculty rejected Armstrong's initial proposal for a 4-1-4 system and pass/fail method of evaluation in non-major courses, they nonetheless supported a movement towards the creation of winter term. The faculty saw the winter term as an opportunity to engage students in more non-traditional and intellectually engaging study.

In keeping with the idea that winter term should allow for more educational freedom, Middlebury students now take advantage of off campus opportunities.

When President Armstrong again brought a solely 4-1-4 system proposal before the faculty in February of 1968, the faculty approved the proposal 69 to 29. The following academic year, Middlebury implemented the 4-1-4 program, creating a winter term while trimming the 15 week fall and spring semesters to 13 weeks each.

President Armstrong greeted the new winter term program by saying that it fostered an environment "more hospitable and conducive to teaching."

Today winter term remains a time of both non-traditional and traditional intellectual exploration. In keeping with the idea that winter term should allow for more educational freedom, Middlebury students now take advantage of off-campus study opportunities, as well as internships.

This year, Middlebury offered three off-campus classes during J-term: "Writing in the Wilds" with Julia Alvarez in the Dominican Republic; "Religion and Conflict in Modern Europe" in Salzburg, Austria; and "Geology and Natural History of Costa Rica" in Costa Rica. Twelve students are studying in the Dominican Republic with Mrs. Alvarez, while 18 are studying in Costa Rica and 30 have traveled to Salzburg for winter term.

David Macey from the Office of Off-Campus Study notes that off-campus courses during winter term were suspended for several years beginning in 1989 as the college struggled to fund off-campus study for students already on financial aid. Last year off-campus courses were re-introduced, with a course in Panama offered through the biology department, and one offered in environmental studies in Yosemite National Park.

Mr. Macey also notes that winter term remains essentially a time for students to "break out of comfort zones" in both on- and off-campus study, a concept endorsed by President Armstrong and Middlebury faculty that pushed the winter term concept in the late 60s.

Student engagement in internships during winter term further supports the idea that winter term is the ideal time to pursue in non-traditional study. According to Claire Tetrault in the Career Services Office, 148 students are presently undertaking winter term internships.

Current internships represent an array of geographical locations and fields of study. Students this winter term are working in locations as diverse as China and Chile, with some staying here in Vermont to work. Mrs. Tetrault says that the most popular area students are working in this January is medicine, although business, education and communications remain popular areas as well.

Originally conceived as a means of adding variation to the traditional double-semester academic year, as well as a path through which students might be given a unique academic experience, today's winter term is a time where students can take both ordinary courses and unique ones. It also affords students the chance to study off-campus, and to in potential career fields.

This week in Middlebury history

A look at the history of the College through the pages of the *Campus*.

1962 "Pool Construction Begun on Campus: $26,690 Gift Enables College To Add To Snow Bowl Facilities"

Middlebury College is expanding its recreational facilities with the completion of the Ski Lodge at the College's Snow Bowl and the construction of a new swimming pool on the main campus.

An anonymous gift of $26,690 and the promise of an additional gift from the same source makes it possible for Middlebury to engage an architect and plan for the completion of the ski lodge in 1962.

Construction was also recently started on the new Middlebury College swimming pool. The contractors hvae started preliminary foundation work on the pool which will be located adjacent to the McCollough Gymnasium.

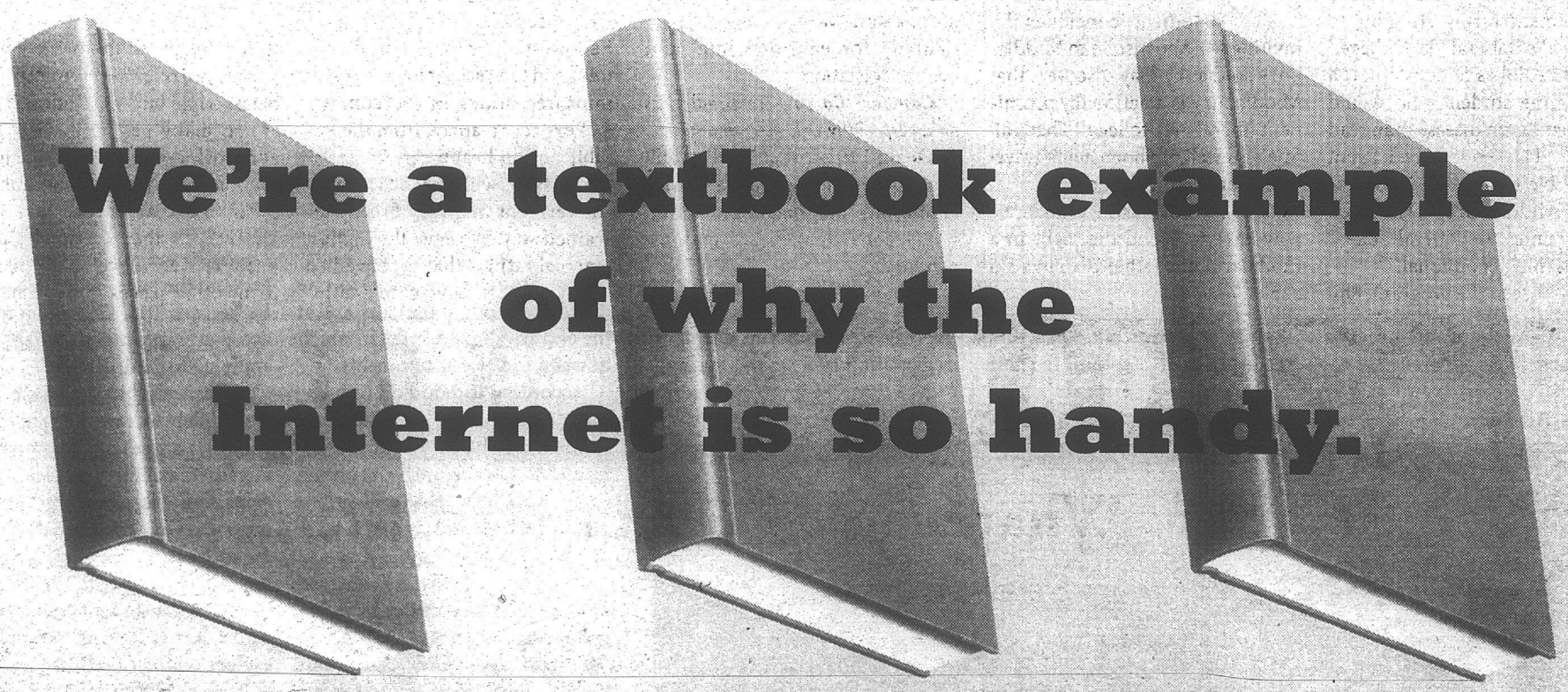
1965 "Art-Music Center Plans Announced"

Tentative plans for the Arts and Music Center to be constructed between Wright Memorial Theatre and the presently uncompleted Sunderland Language Center were released this week.

Estimated cost of the center is $1,250,000 at a minimum. President Armstrong has set the fall of 1967 as the target date for completion of the first phase of both the arts center and a new science center. He said last week that he hopes both will be in construction at the same time. Since the arts center is a smaller undertaking, however, it could be ready for full occupancy by the end of 1968.

1975 "Forum reccomends vegetarian alternative"

At the January 12 Student Forum meeting the central issue was food. Terry Bouricius reccomended that Middlebury as an institution offer vegetarian dishes at all meals in addition to one of the usual meat dishes. These meals would serve to make students more aware of their dietary needs and excesses.



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Commentator criticizes Middlebury on NPR

By Jess Voelker
Staff Writer

On December 23, Middlebury was the subject of a segment on *All Things Considered*, a popular program that airs on National Public Radio. Commentator Ralph Shoenstein satirized what he sees as a trend towards self-merchandizing in higher education. He cited Middlebury as the forerunner in this trend.

According to Shoenstein, it is not academic interests but perks such as "new dormitories that resemble ski chalets" and "all you can eat Ben and Jerry's in the dining halls" that attract students to Middlebury. "Once known for its excellent teaching of languages," says Shoenstein, "Middlebury has learned that money talks."

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It is no longer so much an academic institution as it is an "accredited resort." He goes on to quote President McCardell as referring to the Middlebury experience as the "the Middlebury product." "It's a brand new package," says Shoenstein, "that he can really sell."

Shoenstein explained that, prompted by Middlebury's attempt to attract students with swanky athletic facilities and gourmet ice cream, colleges will soon be attracting prospective students through television advertisements.

He goes on to create a phony advertisement luring students to what he calls "Liberal Lite College." Liberal Lite, jokes Shoenstein, is a place for the student who would "rather have gum disease than read a book." "Has your travel agent been unable to get you a reservation at Middlebury?" He asks.. "Then come to Liberal Lite... where learning is optional."

In response to the program, Phil Benoit of the Office of Public Relations at Middlebury issued a statement, "written in consultation with several senior officials of the college."

In defense of the college, the statement cites the fact that "over the past decade Middlebury College has risen from eleventh to fifth place among national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News and World Report Rankings." It goes on to say that "for every space in its first-year class, Middlebury receives nine applications from highly talented students all over the world." Aplications have continued to increase through this year.

Also mentioned is the hefty 47 million dollars that the college spent in order to build Bicentenial Hall, an effort to attract top students and faculty in the sciences.

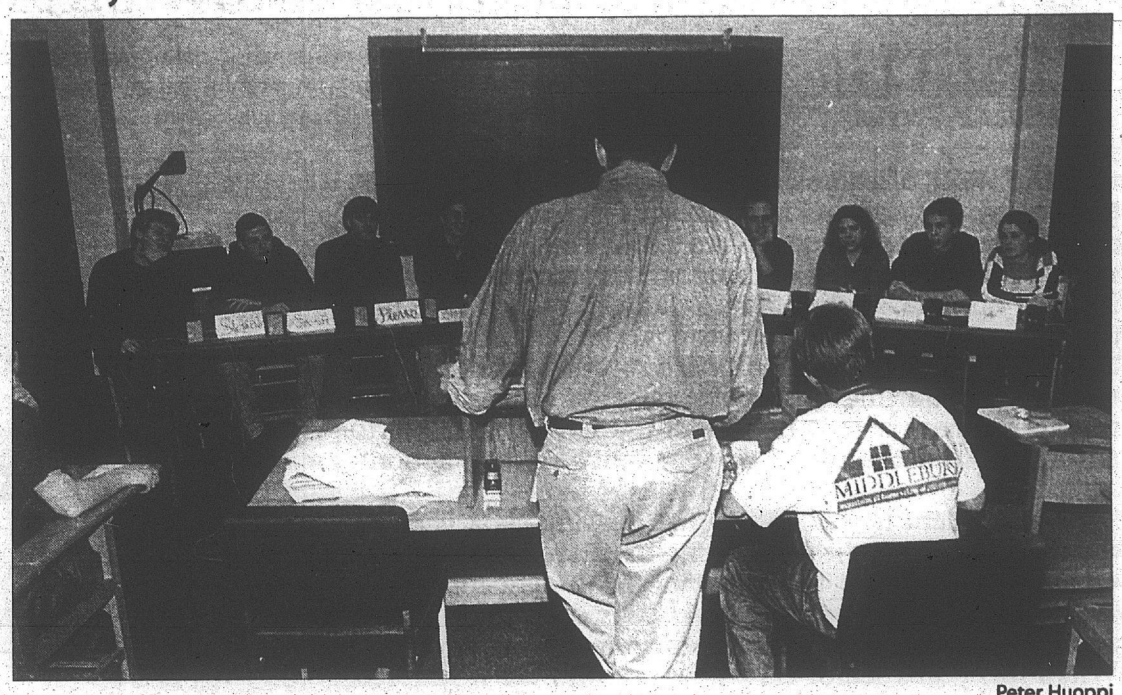
The statement argues that the facilities at Middlebury have in no way compromised the academics. The administrative powers that be are "engaged in creating a seamless learning environment."

In response to Shoenstein's claim that Middlebury's swimming pool is so glamorous that it must be referred to as a "natorium," the statement reads: "The fine athletic facilities, which Mr. Shoenstein cites as evidence of unseemly opulence, provide our students with safe, well-equipped sports venues allowing for growth of the mind within a healthy body."

The statement concludes by inviting Mr. Shoenstein to Middlebury so that he may discover "that Middlebury is a nationally prominent liberal arts college." That's all fine and well, if Shoenstein's travel agent can get him a room.

Due to the housing crunch, he may have to spend the night in a modular home rather than in a ski chalet.

Is that your final answer?



Peter Huoppi

Reading questions with the flare of Regis Philbin, *juniors Tom Marks and Chris Ramsey moderate a first round match-up between a two four-person teams in the College's second annual College Bowl tournament.*

Governor Dean discusses his goals

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tion.

There's no reason why we cannot have standards based education everywhere. And the last is much better environmental protection. We are doing a good job of land conservation as a country, but there are still many problems with acid rain, and an enormous amount of problems of overuse and misuse of resources.

***Campus:** What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the two democratic candidates, Gore and Bradley?*

Dean: I think that Bill Bradley is going to do very well in the Northeast. He is a very thoughtful, committed person, who is very straight-forward.

I think Al Gore will be the next president of the United States. And I think he has an enormous amount of motivation for the job. He has some very good goals, particularly for environmental and health legislation.

***Campus:** Do you see Bradley as doing especially well in Vermont?*

Dean: I think that Bradley will probably win in Vermont and New Hampshire, and maybe New York. But, I don't think he's a national candidate.

***Campus:** George W. Bush was a contemporary of yours at Yale.*

Dean: Actually I didn't know him at Yale. He is a little older than I am. He graduated in '66, and I got out in '71, so we didn't cross paths there. But, I know him as a governor.

***Campus:** What's your view of him?*

Dean: I like him a lot. He is a straight-forward, honest person. He is certainly more conservative than I am. I do plan to endorse the democratic nomination. I don't agree with his views on abortion or health care. But, I do think he is a good human being.

***Campus:** Do you plan to run for re-election in 2000?*

Dean: I am planning to run, yes.

***Campus:** What will be the key issues?*

Dean: Health care will be an enormous issue. The Republicans will argue that we have insured too many people. Vermont has about the lowest rate of uninsured children, and the second lowest rate of uninsured adults in the country. So, I expect an attack from the Republicans on health care.

My issues will be the fact that I run Vermont in a very fiscally restrained way. We have the highest financial ratings that we have had in 25 years. And, I want to continue to push the envelope on education.

***Campus:** Finally, what do you consider to be your major achievements since coming to office?*

Dean: The biggest one in the short term is balancing the budget. I have taken a state that had the highest income taxes in the country and one of the biggest deficits in the country to a state, which is now ranked number one in New England in terms of its bond ratings.

But in the long term, the most important one is that we have conserved hundreds of thousands of acres since I've been governor. And now we are going to embark on an opportunity to buy the development rights along the interstate and Route 7. So, we won't have the same kind of suburban sprawl that has occurred in other states that have been developed.

Vermont is going to grow tremendously in the next century. I think we're either going to double or triple our population. There are so many people in New York and Boston who will be able to do their job in Vermont because of the internet. We've got to get ready for that, so that we don't simply become over-developed like so many other places in the country.

CAMPUS VOICES

What would be your ideal J-term class?

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"Sleeping Processes."

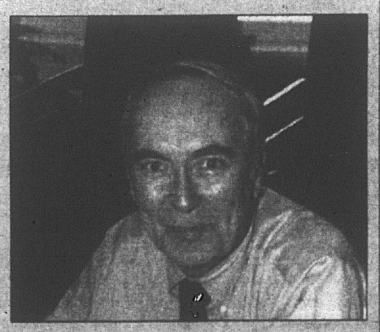
—Meagan Dodge '03

"Pong 101."

–Eric Bundonis '03

"Techiniques of McCullough Dancing."

—Renee Miller '02.5



"All inspiration and no grades."

—James West
History Professor

"Brewery Making."

—Jeff Weiner '03

Editorial

Real Life Responsibility

In the wake of extensive absences by student athletes, the College has decided to establish a maximum percentage of classes that students can miss. This policy, in the eyes of the College, will ensure that students remain more focused on their studies than on atheletics. It is true that athletics and academics occassionally interfere with one another, but the College's proposed solution is not the correct one. In drafting this policy, the College is forgetting that its purpose here is not to act in loco parentis but to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions.

Every student is well aware that missing class is detrimental to their studies, but sometimes students feel that other matters are more important. A student must have the ability to weigh the pros and cons of missing a class and to decide for themselves whether or not to attend. When this year's senior class goes out into the workforce, there will be no one saying how many days they can miss. Instead, each person will be expected to be responsible for themseleves and suffer the repercussions of their actions.

An imposed limit on the number of missed classes still might not change the situation in the case of some professors. Every student is aware that there are professors at this college who allow students to regularly miss classes, especially for athletic events. An imposed limit will not change a professor's decisionas to whether someone is "absent." If they feel the absence is warranted, they will merely ignore it.

There are effective steps that the College can take to limit the interference between academics and athletics while still allowing students to make their own choices. The NESCAC schools have continually debated the merits of post-season play and whether it interferes with education. If there is concern about post-season play, what about games that are scheduled while students are supposed to be in class?

The College stands in the position of stressing both the importance of education and the value of athletics at a liberal arts institution. A severe limit, or perhaps even outright ban, on mid-week games would probably be widely accepted by NESCAC. It would show that academics are important, not to be trumped by athletics, and vice versa. It would limit concerns about athletes missing classes. And, finally, it would ensure that students learn the decision-making skills that they will benefit from long after they leave the College.

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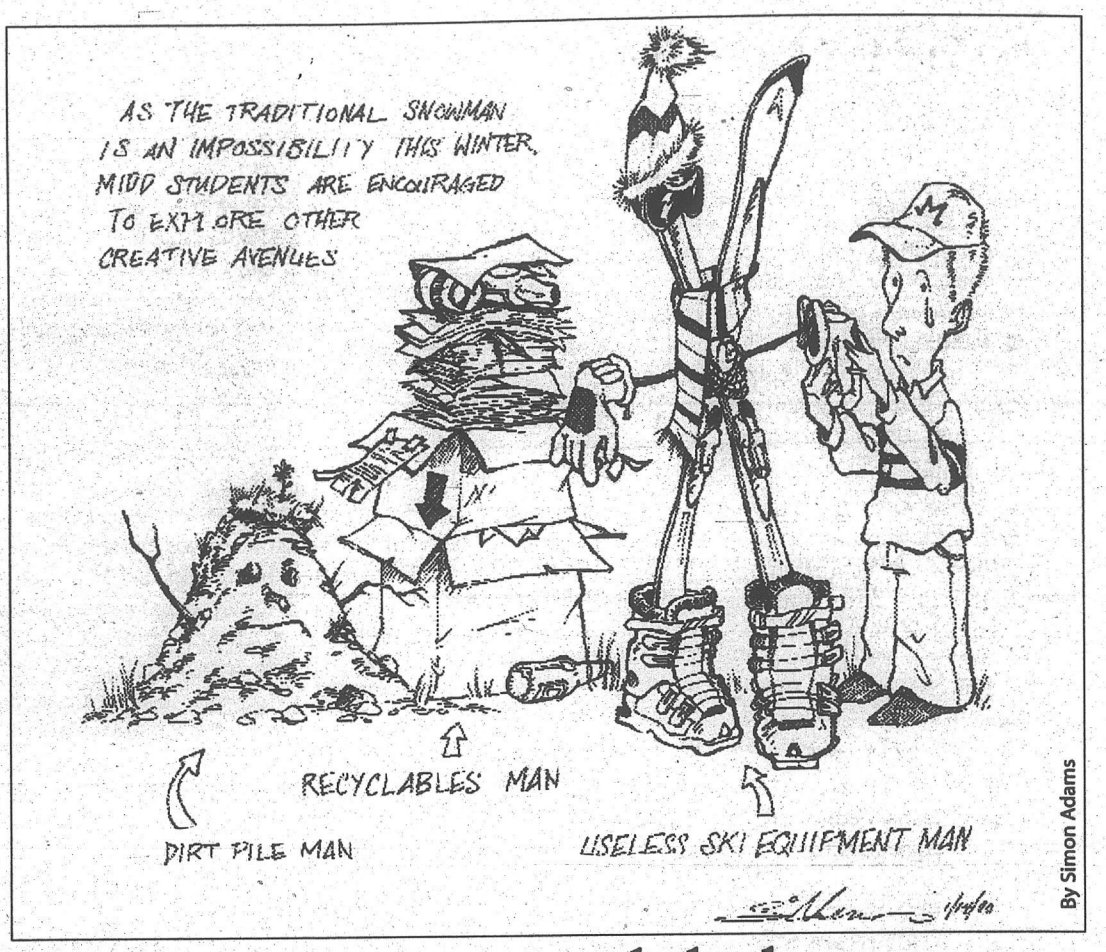
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By Simon Adams

Seif warns against global warming

Amy Seif

In light of the past few months being unseasonably warm, I must ask, "Does anyone care about global warming?" At a recent conference I attended at UVM called "The Impact of Climate Change on Vermont's Economy," I learned that human-induced climate change may cause the downfall of all of Vermont's major industries, namely skiing, forestry, maple sugaring, and fall tourism. Not only are these industries the backbone of the state's economy, but they are what makes Vermont special.

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We are no longer in the era of 'Pandora's Box' regarding global warming, when scientific uncertainty shadowed concerns by environmentalists that our gluttonous appetite for energy and our love for our automobiles were slowly warming the planet. The majority of scientists now agree that the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will increase global temperatures. The scientists that don't agree may be loud, especially when the dollars flow in from corporations responsible for the majority of greenhouse gas emissions, but they are few. Note the tone in these recent headings from The New York Times: "Human Imprint on Climate Change Grows Clearer" (June 29, 1999), and "Scientists Warn Against Ignoring Climate Change" (January 29, 1999). Of course, we still can't prove that the warm day today is due to the emissions of carbon dioxide from our cars or the burning of coal in power plants. However, when looking at the patterns of weather over the past hundred years, it becomes harder to refute the claim that temperatures are rising in an unnatural way.

However, I see little indication on campus that people are really concerned. Where are the staff and faculty who are pushing for vanpools so that they don't have to drive to work in their single passenger vehicle? Where are the students who are signing petitions asking the government to agree to Kyoto Protocol resolutions? Where are the students and staff who are choosing to buy lower-emission vehicles instead of sporty SUVs? Perhaps the community is aware of global warming and the scientific research that proves its certainty, but we don't understand the consequences. I often hear people saying, "Well, if this nice weather means that we are warming up the planet, then that's OK." However, warmer temperatures bring more than fun in the sun. Warmer temperatures increase precipitation and extreme weather events, which may bring more destructive ice storms and droughts to Vermont. A change in climate could wipe out species that are not very mobile and therefore cannot move to a zone of colder temperatures, such as the monarch butterfly or Pacific salmon. Global warming may offer lovely tropical temperatures, but with it comes the migration and growth of tropical pests, such as mosquitoes bearing malaria and other disease vector organisms.

We at Middlebury College have the power to do something to thwart these dangers. We can join with Clean Air Cool Planet, a Northeast-based alliance that seeks to bring about actual greenhouse gas

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Seniors encouraged to voice class gift ideas

Blake Rutherford '00.5

This is an open letter to all members of the Class of 2000 encouraging you to take part in the Senior Class Gift Program. Currently, the program consists of two important aspects. The first being selecting a gift reflective of our time here at Middlebury. The second is raising enough funds to purchase the gift of our choosing. The Senior Class Gift Committee is asking for as much input as we can have from the entire class. We are also asking that everyone begin thinking about making a contribution towards this effort.

We are actively seeking opinions and advice from a broad range of people, representing the many facets of the Class of 2000. The Senior Class Gift is our first opportunity to show how much our Middlebury College experience has meant to us. As the first class to graduate in the new millennium, and at the time of Middlebury's Bicentennial, there is no greater opportunity in the history of our College to give something back. the time of Middlebury's Bicentennial, there is no greater opportunity in the history of our College to give something back.

We're looking forward to your opinions, ideas and contributions. Please feel free to contact Kate Lockwood or myself at extensions 6471 or 4733, or via e-mail: at lockwood@middlebury.edu, rutherford@middlebury.edu. Thank you.

Blake Rutherford is Co-Chair, of the Senior Class Gift Committee

Adler critiques elements of Middlebury's Commons System

Ted Adler '99.5

In an effort to improve an already thriving school, Middlebury launched an ambitious task in September 1998 when the Board of Trustees "approved a residential life resolution that will dramatically re-envision and reshape student life on this campus." (Quotes, unless otherwise attributed, come from the Commons home page, which can be found at: http://www.middlebury.edu/commons). The new "Enhanced" Commons system, and its favorite buzz word ("community"), has started to change life on campus.

The College's Administration has come to "acknowledge that education takes place around the clock and in all venues." Therefore, they are trying to recreate our community so that it is structured to make the most of this opportunity. The new Middlebury hopes to be smaller and more intimate even though enrollment will continue increasing to 2,350 students. Through decentralized dinning and a continued residential housing, the Middlebury community of the future, for better or worse, will likely be very different from today.

Even if you disagree with the principals of the Commons System, one must acknowledge that its goals are admirable. The system is extremely well financed, has only the best of intentions in mind and a complete monopoly on power. However, the Communists had similar traits. Nonetheless, one question remains. Why is the commons failing miserably? (Sorry Professor Krauss. The answer can not be found in Czeslaw Milosz's "The Captive Mind")

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The source of the commons woes, in my opinion, is simple. Students do not chose to integrate themselves into the commons. This comes in contrast to every other club, organization or residential life option on campus. You can chose to be on the crew team or live in Weybridge House, but like it or not, you're in a commons and subject to all the privileges of membership (especially the phonemail). From the student perspective, the Commons System feels like it is being imposed from above. Thus few students feel a personal association to their Commons and many do not support the system.

To take it a step further, as one friend of mine wrote: If you objectively view what characteristics work in concert to foster true community, you will likely find that substantive artificial pressure usually has a negative long term effect. Such coercive powers do little to create true "buy-in," and as a result, the intended community devolves to a lowest common denominator situation. In this case, the commons are largely a means of funding activities and a way of providing better-than-average housing to a select few.

Middlebury students are many things, but stupid is not one of them. As one Feb classmate of mine said, when facing a wall, Middlebury students are taught to go around it. Thus, the campus is full of self-professed commons-haters that learned how to manipulate the system. President McCardell, in the Commons' Mission wrote, "I believe that our students should be empowered to allocate space, administer budgets, plan events, and frame and enforce rules." However, in saying that, I doubt he had in mind commons sponsorship of an outdoor hot tub during last year's Winter Carnival. Free pizza at weekly meetings and posh rooms for continuing commons residents will not make the system work, even if "the numbers" disagree. A lot of students participate in the commons for justifiable, but selfish, reasons. Their motto is simple: Ask not what you can do for your commons, ask what your commons can do for you.

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Simply put, none of these new activities that take place by virtue of bankrolling have any meaningful connection to the commons. There is no tradition being built, and the connections created are artificial and predicated solely on a quid-pro-quo rewards system. This is no way to build community.

In the implementation of the commons system, we are only in the second inning. Thus, it is way too early to write it off as a total failure. Instead of using The Campus as a bully pulpit, I offer a simple suggestion for those whose career goals are inexplicably tied to the commons. An ideal "Commons Community" already exists at Middlebury, in the form of the Social House System. Even though anyone who says these two "systems" are not diabolical opposites is a liar, the commons could learn a lot from the Social Houses. After all, look at what the People's Republic of China has picked up from American capitalists.

For the "Commonists" on campus, the Social Houses have a lot to envy beginning with significant student support. In a referendum last spring, 80% of the Middlebury student body voted in favor of keeping the Social Houses at Middlebury. This statistic is all the more remarkable when one considers that 71% of student body voted on the referendum and only 25% of Middlebury students are actually members of a Social House. Even Math professor Michael Olnik,

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Reiber hopes for reconcilliation in new century

Jonathan Reiber '00

"The day after Athens was struck by its most serious earthquake in decades, millions of television viewers watched in awe as Turkish rescue workers pulled a Greek child from under a pile of rubble. Announcers struggled to control their emotion. "It's the Turks!" one of them shouted as his voice began to crack. "They've got the little boy. They saved him. And now the Turkish guy is drinking from a bottle of water. It's the same bottle the Greek rescuers just drank from. This is love."

The New York Times, 9/13/99

As the world continues to shrink through technology, economic interdependence, and ubiquitous cultural exchange, the fact that we are survivors of genocide and ethnic or religious violence may be our greatest asset in the prevention of future conflicts.

Like the Greek and Turkish conflict, violent conflicts around the world have left us terrified. According to Robert Jay Lifton, this violence has turned us into survivors.

A survivor is one who has encountered, been exposed to, or witnessed death firsthand and has himself or herself remained alive What I am suggesting is that to touch death and then to rejoin the living can be a source of insight and power, and that this is true not only for those exposed to holocaust, or to the death of a parent, lover or friend, but also for those who have permitted themselves to experience fully the "end of an era," personal or historical.

The Greek child mentioned in the above story was pulled from the wreckage because, in the minds of the Turkish relief workers, there was simply no other choice: the protection of life, in times of trouble, goes beyond the needs of the self, and national identity can momentarily be forgotten.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was a public-survivor of recent time. From a socio-historical perspective, the fact that he was a German who survived both World Wars whilst remaining an opponent to both the Weimar Republic and the National Socialist Party, shows us some of the survivor experience and guilt that may have motivated him. As a creative survivor, Schweitzer's philosophy of reverence for life proposes love and interconnectedness as the driving force in reconciliation. This survivor responsibility is asserted again with

Albert Camus words from his Nobel Prize acceptance speech of 1957, "Do you know, that over a period of twenty-five years, between 1922 and 1947,seventy million European men, women and children, have been uprooted, deported, killed?" Lifton writes, quoting Camus.

He also spoke of "paltry excuses of those who remain alive," and, throughout his work, of his own "temptation of hatred [which] had to be overcome"; of his sense of loss ("that strength of love which has been taken from us forever"); and of his and his generations struggle to construct "an art of living in times of catastrophe in order to be reborn by fighting openly against the death instinct at work in our history."

Here we have illustrated the existential crisis caused by the atrocities of the twentieth century. For Camus the world has somehow fallen apart.

We who have survived the atrocities of the 20th century must confront the fact that in order to overcome future atrocities, different measures of communication must be undertaken. There is a great similarity between Schweitzer, Camus, and the Turkish relief workers who saved the child in Greece as survivors, they all felt a responsibility to promote understanding and compassion. For all of us who would work to build relationships across boundaries, especially important during this time of globalization, we must have the courage to realize that we are all, in some way, suffering because of the violence in the world. Our suffering, if dealt with correctly, can be a means to reconciliation.

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This year, we at Middlebury have the opportunity to take a leading role in creating a dialogue

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College responds to radio criticism

On December 23, National Public Radio's All Things Considered aired a commentary criticizing the College's brand of liberal arts education. The following is Middlebury's official response, sent in to All Things Considered *for potential broadcast.*

Phil Benoit

Ralph Schoenstein's December 23 commentary the "Malls of Ivy" posits a scenario in which colleges seek to attract talented high school students by offering spa-like campuses where amenities outweigh academics in importance, and challenges to the intellect are minimal. Mr. Schoenstein picked Middlebury College as an example of what he labels the "liberal lite" college experience.

The label won't stick.

Over the past decade Middlebury College has risen from eleventh to fifth place among national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News & World Report rankings. For every space in its first-year class, Middlebury receives nine applications from highly talented students all over the world. What accounts for this? Middlebury has committed itself to the goal of becoming one of the truly outstanding liberal arts colleges in the country. Success in this effort requires that both the academic and residential components of Middlebury's traditional liberal arts program be enhanced and improved. We are engaged in creating a seamless learning environment where students and faculty pursue knowledge together in a variety of academic and residential settings. This initiative requires us to reconfigure residence halls and dining facilities so they are more conducive to creating such an environment. We are also investing heavily in attracting top faculty, meeting the financial needs of deserving students, and improving our academic facilities.

Though Mr. Schoenstein's commentary failed to mention it, Middlebury's largest project is a $47 million, 200,000 square foot science center. This facility has dramatically increased interest in Middlebury among highly talented science students, while also improving the College's ability to recruit the very best science faculty and researchers. The fine athletic facilities, which Mr. Schoenstein cite as evidence of unseemly opulence, provide our students with safe, well-equipped sports venues where students can develop individual and team-based athletic skills, allowing for growth of the mind within a healthy body.

Visit Middlebury College, Mr. Schoenstein. Speak with our students, meet our faculty, stroll around our scenic Vermont campus, and attend a sports contest. You will discover that Middlebury is a nationally prominent liberal arts college, situated on a well-maintained campus, striving to create the very best conditions possible for students to receive an absolutely first-rate college education.

Phil Benoit is the Director of Public Affairs at Middlebury College.

Beetem encourages students' role in promoting child literacy

Liz Beetem '02

You've probably all seen the commercials on TV that tell you to read to your kids. Celebrities volunteer to remind you that "If you don't, who will?" The truth is that reading to kids from a young age helps them learn to read better and helps them do better in school. Many kids in Addison County, as well as other places in the U.S., are well below their grade level for reading. This is often because they do not get enough one-on-one help at home. Many parents are too busy to read to their kids.

I was a student teacher in a kindergarten class this fall and even at that young age I could tell which kids had been read to and which had not. Most of us were probably 1000 book kids, while many kids in Addison County are more like 30 book kids. When adults read to kids it also demonstrates that reading can be enjoyable and is not just related to schoolwork.

Last summer I was reading a novel on a whitewater rafting trip when a 14-year-old boy asked me, "Why are you reading in the summer?" When I said that I was reading for fun he could not believe that I would voluntarily pick up a book, let alone read the whole thing. This is where I think the school system in America is failing. We should not be turning kids away from literature but encouraging them to read about things that interest them outside of school.

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Middlebury College students are attempting to improve literacy and the desire to read in Addison County through Page 1, an organization that sends volunteers to many local schools. Page 1 also donates money and books to local children. So far over 100 students have volunteered for Page 1, a number which is rising. Many students enjoy taking time out of their busy schedules and sitting down to read with a child. The kids really look forward to the college students coming and repeatedly ask their teachers and other students who is coming to read to them. They might prefer to play soccer or basketball with their college students, but when they settle down they also enjoy reading or just talking to them.

College students also serve as mentors for the kids. Many of the children have very few positive role models in their lives. Their parents may not have finished high school, let alone gone to college. What their college students think and do really can affect them. The kids at Bristol Elementary School recently put on a play and at first only girls would be in the play. Then two boys found out that their college buddy had been in theater in high school so they decided to be in the play. The buddies really do affect the lives of the kids as well as their reading ability.

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To find out more on Page 1, please call Margaret Sanchez at extension. 3010. You won't regret it.

Peaceful solutions lie in greater discussion and cultural exchange

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on respect and understanding. The Peace Symposium:

Respect and Social Action, an inter-group organization, is going to move onto the national level. For a couple days in April, colleges and universities around the country will be engaged in discussions about what it means to live in culturally diverse, religiously pluralistic, world.

At Middlebury, on April 13th, Professor Sarah Lawrence-Lightfoot of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education will deliver a speech-based on her book, "Respect." Here at Middlebury discussion have begun and will continue through April.

Although all of our lives are extremely different, what we have in common can be extremely powerful. The greatest surprise, and the greatest joy, as seen by the rescue in Greece, is what comes out of our shared understanding.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Peace Symposium,contact either Joseph Barker '00, Jonathan Reiber '00, Maika Prewitt '03, or Miyuki Matsumoto '00.

Commons' success lies in students

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who put forth a proposal at last year's faculty meeting to disband social houses, can crunch those numbers.

Another attribute to the Social Houses is that every student on campus is guaranteed the opportunity to be in one if they so chose. Each student decides whether or not to join. Thus, each member is a part of a Social House because they wanted to be. In a few years when rising sophomores are forced to live with in their Commons, I doubt they will view the situation in the same manner.

Unlike the "Enhanced" Commons system, Social House identity is built around more than living together. Friendships that develop through participation in intramural sports, annual pledge events, and yes, weekends parties create a strong attachment to the institution.

Identity is found in the Social Houses, not in the Commons. Social House members identify with their organization while some students still don't know what Commons they live in. This allegiance to one's house is stronger for some then others. The non-gender biased "brothers" in my social house call me "Waldo" because they can never find me. On the other hand, I know one kid who moved in the spring of his sophomore year and did not leave until graduation (summers included). Membership in a Social House is what you make of it.

Unlike the "Enhanced" Commons system, Social House identity is built around more than living together. Friendships that develop through participation in intramural sports, annual pledge events, and yes, weekends parties, create a strong attachment to the institution. Instead of drinking in closets, kids in social houses drink together. Some debate Plato over a few beers. Some, despite the stereotype, don't drink at all.

Students in Social Houses develop strong bonds between each other and with the school. The care and respect between members is awesome. After all, these places are called "houses" for a reason. For the saké of the capital campaign, Social House members also come back in droves on homecoming weekend.

All of these positive qualities are absolutely not exclusively found in Social House members. That, in fact, is the beauty of the system. Social Houses are a part of the social scene, not the scene. There is a lot more to Middlebury than Social Houses and hopefully there will always be a lot more to Middlebury than the Commons.

As a member of the class of '99.5, I am a veritable grandpa on campus. Most Commonists would use this fact to discredit my argument. I can hear them now: "He wasn't introduced to the 'enhanced' Commons his freshman year, so obviously he won't like it." Or, more likely, "he's graduating in two weeks so who cares." For their sake, I wish my opinion would graduate with me. However, even though I don't have a "Cook '03" t-shirt, I happen to spend a lot of my time with freshman and sophomores. They don't like the Commons System either.

Finally, the Administration's favorite argument in this type of situation is "student memory only lasts four years." Basically, what the Middlebury students of today think doesn't really matter. This 'ad nauseam' attitude is imbued in certain (tenured) members of the Administration to the point of no return. Will the Middlebury experience of the class of '08 be different? Probably. Will it be better? That's for you to decide.

The Middlebury Campus

The Middlebury Campus is looking for people interested in the following positions.
No previous experience is required for any of the positions.

Sports Editor Responsible for assigning, editing and laying out stories for each issue of the Campus. Attendance at the weekly editorial meeting is required. A strong interest in sports is preferable. Usually requires six hours of work per week. Work schedule is dependent upon the editor.

Staff Writer Staff writers are needed for all sections of the paper. If you enjoy writing in any form, you should apply. There are no specific hours. Deadlines for each section range from Sunday through Tuesday night depending on the section.

Copy Editor Responsible for catching grammatical, spelling and other mistakes. The last line of defense before the paper is sent to the press. The total number of hours of work is flexible, although working late is necessary. This is a paid position.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to receive additional information please contact Chris Morgan or Emily Manning at extension 5736.

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Seif explains need for environmental activism

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emission reduction through the commitment of colleges and other groups. Since the government won't commit to the Kyoto Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, signed by the United States in December 1998 but not yet ratified by the Senate, Clean Air Cool Planet is asking colleges to make their own commitments towards reduction of gases without waiting for the government to act. If Middlebury College chooses to become a member of this alliance, we will need to take steps to reduce our emissions to an amount determined by the college. Fortunately, any steps the college takes towards ending the emission of greenhouse gases will help in other areas as well. For instance, a reduction in automobile travel contributes to lowering air pollution and death rates. Using less energy to heat our buildings will translate into reduced energy costs and reduced reliance on harmful methods of energy production. Therefore, even if we find, fifty years from now, that the warm weather was due to natural weather variations, we wouldn't have lost out by reducing our emissions. Where we stand to lose big however, is if we don't do anything to reduce our emissions but later learn that we have caused irreversible damage. So, does anyone care about global warming?

Amy Seif is the College's Environmental Coordinator.

Middlebury Museum of Art venerates faculty masterworks

By Kate Robinson
Staff Writer

If asked to settle upon one characteristic of the Middlebury Museum of Art that makes you feel at home, you may cite the subdued movement, the smell of varnished wood, or, as of January 18, the familiar presence of your mentors.

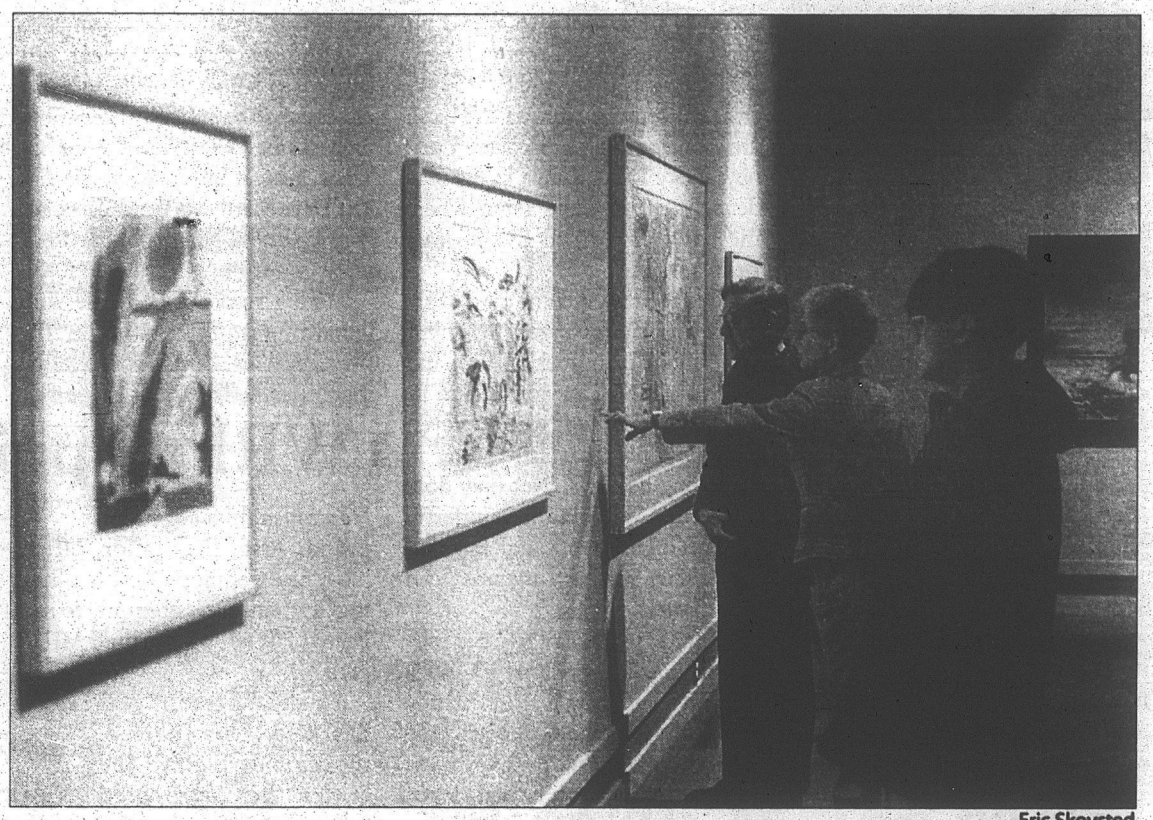
A retrospective exhibit of contemporary faculty art, entitled "50 Years," will be running from January 18 to April 16, as a part of the College's Bicentennial celebration. Adhering to their ongoing mission to bring innovation to the community, the Museum's "50 Years" exhibit will pay homage to the creative diversification already thriving within the Middlebury College community.

The exhibition will not only focus on the role of faculty members in the studio art department at Middlebury but will also explore their contribution to local art history. Throughout the years, faculty exhibitions have continuously drawn large crowds from both the community and the college. This popularity has not gone unnoticed. According to a recent press release, "some of the works in the show are borrowed from community members who have expressed their enthusiasm for the work of College faculty by including them in their personal collections." This retrospective clearly attempts to bring the local community and the College together through exquisite art.

As significant contributors to local art history, the works of current studio art faculty Suzanne Bocanegra, David Bumbeck, Jim Butler, John Huddleston and Eric Nelson, will be displayed, as well as work from former faculty members Arthur Healy, Robert Reiff, Rosemarie Beck, Bruce Muirhead, Alex Markhoff and Alex McFarlane. Pieces by former Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Visiting Professor of Art award winners will also be exhibited, such as those from internationally renowned fiber artist Sheila Hicks (1980), and sculptors Isaac Witkin (1982) and Vito Acconci (1983).

It will be easy to lose yourself in this vivid array of textures and provocative images. Nearly every medium is represented: oil paintings to photographs, steel sculptures and intalgio prints. While Robert Reiff's untitled watercolor may remind you of sea glass glimmering beneath a lulled surface, Arthur K.D. Healy's "View Up at the Bridge" will send a hostile blast of wind down your neck and between your shoulder blades. They are the visual articulations of fervent artists. The strength of these perceptive forces is what inspires us as their students and lures us to this exposition.

For further participation in association with the exhibit, there will be a series of special programs, beginning with an opening celebration on Tuesday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Museum, with an introduction by current faculty members David Bumbeck, Jim Butler and John Huddleston. On Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a reception and gallery talk given by Emmie Donadio, associate director of the Middlebury College Museum of Art and curator of the exhibit. On March 1, at 4:30 p.m., sculptor Vito Acconci will return to campus to present a slide lecture on his work in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall. These lectures represent an extremely unique opportunity to gain a more thorough understanding of our professors and our community.



Eric Skovsted

A retrospective exhibit of contemporary faculty art, entitled "50 years," will be running January 18 through April 16.

The College Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m. The exhibitions and programs are free. Students, faculty and the general public are encouraged to attend.

The exhibit encompasses over 50 works in appreciation of the skilled artists who have enhanced the studio art program and the College with their instruction and encouragement. Like hearing a professor read from his own book, 50 Years is an enticing opportunity to glimpse the inner psyches of our instructors and see where their inspiration leads them. It is a tribute well deserved.

Rutland Opera combats Vermont winter nights

By Greg DeVito
Arts Editor

Surprisingly enough, Vermont does indeed boast an opera company. While our fair state may not draw the likes of Pavarotti, we can give him a run for his money.

This Saturday, January 15, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., the Opera Theatre in Weston will present performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at the Weston Playhouse. Earlier this week the opera was performed at the Rutland intermediate school.

The plot of this particular opera is simple. Written and composed by Gian-Carlo Menotti, the opera relates the simple tale of a crippled boy and his mother. These characters encounter the three kings and the shepherds who later celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning. Consider this performance a belated Christmas present from the wonderful state of Vermont and its resident opera promoters.

This performance represents an excellent opportunity to discover the hidden talents that Vermont has to offer. The experienced cast of minstrels ranges from a 13-year-old soprano to a chorus of Rutland area voice students. Most of the performers hail from the Rutland area.

The depth of talent available is truly astounding. L.R. Davidson will sing the lead role of Amahl. At the tender age of 13, this boy has already performed regionally with the Northern Stage Company, the Fulton Opera House, the Goodspeed Opera House and the Dorset Theatre Festival. He has also acted sporadically on both film and television.

According to a recent press release, the opera "both mirrors and prefigures the Nativity and is a magical counterpoint to a wintry Vermont night."

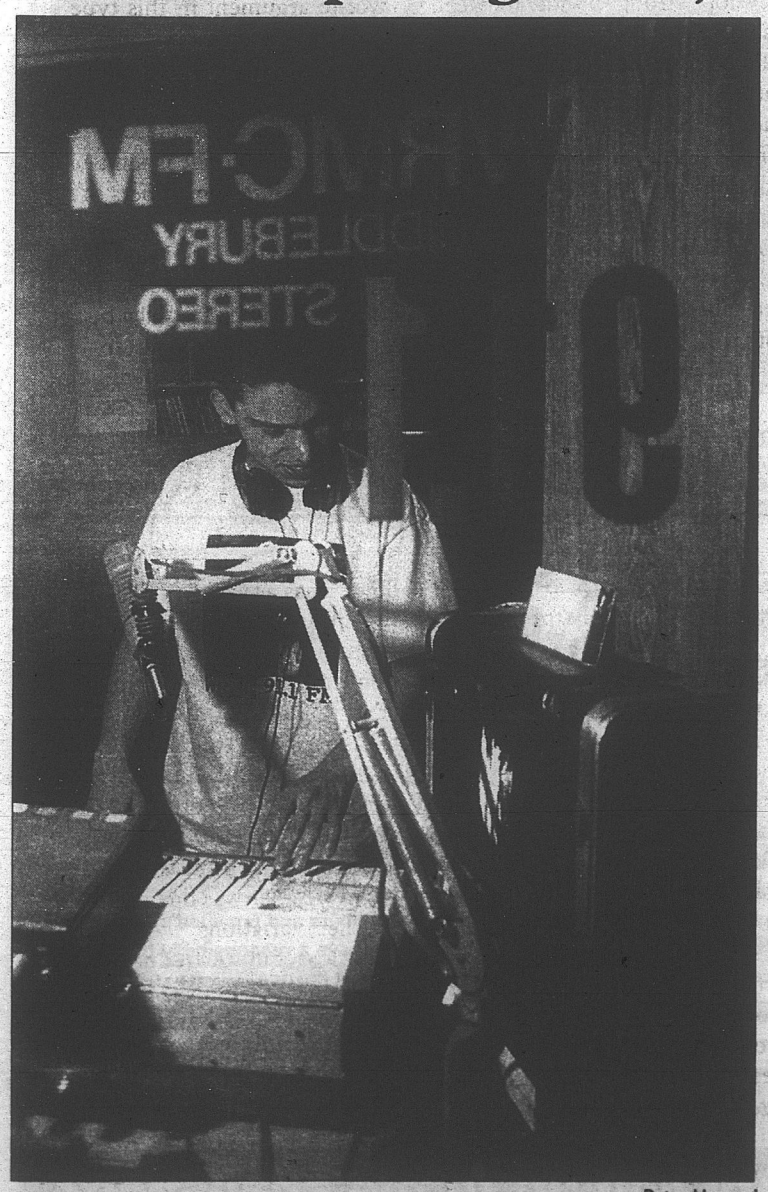
This reporter is always searching for a counterpoint to Vermont winters. It is hoped that this performance will live up to such lofty expectations.

Anyone wishing to forego the typical partying and debauchery of a Middlebury weekend should seriously consider attending this coming Saturday's performance.

Admission is $12 at the door or $7 for students. There is no reserved seating. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. For more information or directions, please contact the Opera Theatre in Weston at (802) 824-3821.

Hey, who knows? It could be better than the Met!

WRMC expects growth, innovation, professionalism



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WRMC is increasing its broadcasting range to reach Burlington and Rutland.

By Chat Ortved
Arts Editor

On February 7, Middlebury College's radio station, WRMC, will begin broadcasting from a new tower atop the smokestack at Facilities Management at 2900 watts, a vast increase from the mere 100 watts of the last nineteen years. The old antenna had a range of a mere fifteen miles north and south. With the new one, WRMC will broadcast to all of Essex County, New York. Its waves will be received in Burlington and as far north as the Canadian border, and its DJs will be heard in all of Rutland.

When it first began, WRMC was nothing more than the dream of a couple of students. Now, with this increase in power and plans for a variety of changes and improvements, Middlebury's campus radio station has entered the twenty-first century poised for growth, innovation and an overall better listening experience for an ever-expanding audience.

With the quality of programming ever-improving, aspiring disc jockeys at WRMC must now pass a rigorous set of trials in order to gain the privilege of a show. They must first "intern" for a semester, choosing a genre and then observing an experienced DJ in that genre, attendance being required at each show.

Furthermore, a two-part retraining program is taking place this J-Term, consisting of a variety of workshops and a course on the rules of the FCC.

The workshops include "Radio Broadcasting," taught by retired professional Stan Busby; "Business of Radio;" "Music Survey," a survey of college music taught by Otie Hart; "Sound Production," a digital audio workshop taught by Quinn Raymond and finally "DJ Turn-Tabling," which makes use of new turntable hardware acquired last spring.

The staff of WRMC is certain that these workshops and the interning process will ensure that DJs are competent and qualified on the air.

According to WRMC business manger Doug Chini '00, with the station's range now including some urban areas, the station will engage in a publicity blitz in Burlington and Rutland, which will include the placement of posters and signs, as well as perhaps staging a couple of promotional concerts. As further advertising, the station has rebuilt its website, which can be found on a new server at http://wrmc.middlebury.edu.

This site features, among other things, live "RealAudio™" broadcasting, an aspect of the site of which the staff seem particularly

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"Sons of Trout" challenge music of the Dave Matthews Band

By Scott McLeod
Staff Writer

Okay, I'll admit that the name doesn't reach out and grab you. In fact, I had to be practically dragged into a club one night in South Africa to see the infamous band named "Sons Of Trout." However, let me assure you that the name meant nothing the minute I walked in the door. The mellifluous and perhaps unconventional combination of six diverse instruments, flowing around the room in a surprisingly catchy rhythm and tune, rendered nothing but the song salient. In short, their music did not disappoint.

Sons of Trout are sweeping the South African music scene, and with good reason. Their virtuoso playing and talented songwriting form an almost irresistible combination to anyone interested in new rock.

Coming from the music-rich city of Cape Town, Sons Of Trout has been compared with and put up against some of the best local talent and has, in my opinion, weeded out the competition. At the beginning of my study abroad in South Africa, it was all I could do to avoid being asked by my buddies to attend yet another Sons Of Trout show. It happened every Friday night. However, as the semester passed, the band grew on me, and I discovered just how lucky I was to live in the student district of Cape Town, where the band performed live at least twice a week.

Sons of Trout is comprised of six musicians: a lead singer, two guitar players, one drummer on a set and another on African drums, and finally the talented violin player, whose virtuosity is astounding in each song he plays. Not only does this group combine a wonderful mix of instruments and talented musicians, but each member can sing ... well.

As far as individual talent is concerned, the lead guitarist is quite a sensation. Playing a nylon strung classical guitar and picking only with his fingers (even while strumming the fast songs), he has earned his own special following, an honor which he rightly deserves as one of the band's main songwriters.

The violinist, as mentioned above, consistently contributes solos that range from melodious to frenetic, yet that always maintain an element of superb musicianship.

Although this may seem farfetched to some, actually to most Americans, the only way I can think to describe the style of Sons Of Trout is as an improved version of The Dave Matthews Band, especially as far as the violinist, Mike Rennie, is concerned.

Mixing rippin' rock fiddle with tantalizing soft melodies in the slower ballads, Rennie is one of the more talented musicians I have ever seen. The band as a whole has mastered these two styles as well: the energizing music keeps the audience dancing until late at night, when the band, timing the change perfectly, mellow out with softer sounds, letting everybody rest.

As South Africa might not be in anyone's travel plans in the near future, I recommend visiting the following website to get a taste of Sons of Trout's music: http://music.ru.ac.za/trout/.

The site contains tons of information on the band, as well as some audio and video files that download quickly and easily. You can also order a copy of the Sons of Trout album or contact any of the six musicians through the website, if you are so inclined. The price of the album, available still only in tape format, is listed in South African rands. But don't be intimidated; the exchange rate is six rands to the US dollar.

WRMC poised for positive future

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proud. Also, the station offices have been equipped with a new lock system, accessible only to registered DJs by swiping their MIDD card.

Finally, the content of the shows has also been altered, though only slightly. The station has introduced "rotation," a practice that demands the DJs to put a group of new releases on the air a certain number of times during every show.

This gives WRMC its own "sound," and keeps its listeners up-to-date on the latest music. A listener will thus hear a certain song, "a good song," Chini assures us, many times in the course of a day, putting WRMC and its listenership on the cutting edge of popular music.

"We're over all trying to make the station more professional," said Jenny Marder '01, a member of the WRMC staff. Without a doubt, they are succeeding.

With all the new power and potential audiences in Burlington and Rutland, perhaps this desire for improvement arises from concern that such audiences will demand a more professional product, as well as coming under the scrutiny of regulating organizations.

WRMC will broadcast to all of Essex County, New York. Its waves will be received in Burlington and as far north as the Canadian border, and its DJ's will be heard in all of Rutland.

The motivations for improvements, however, go far beyond such concerns. This radio station has grown out of the passion of the students who run it, and even in the last couple of years has evolved into an entity far more professional and advanced than many other college stations, especially at small schools such as Middlebury.

WRMC is off the air for J-term for the implementation of its new and improved hardware and training. When it returns in the spring — February 7, to be exact — it will possess the benefits of these improvements.

WRMC's growth, expansion and innovation stand as a grand tribute to the dedication and skill of not only those that run the station, but, in this writer's opinion, to Middlebury students in general, students who take their education far beyond the classroom, excelling and even setting the standard in a vast spectrum of interests and fields.

Stuart Little enchants, yet lacks good acting

By Greg DeVito
Arts Editor

The recently released film version of the E.B. White classic children's story "Stuart Little" is just what you would expect. The movie is funny, cute and extremely cheesy. The acting is good enough for the most part and the plot suffices. However, the best reason I can think of to pay money to see this movie on the big screen lies in the special effects and the visual humor.

I personally wanted to see "Stuart Little" because I am a sucker for talking animals. "Stuart Little" certainly did not disappoint in this regard. When it comes to loquacious creatures, this film tops all its predecessors. The film features not only an extremely talkative mouse, but also several chatty felines. At times, these cats even seemed to steal the show from the lovable little Stuart. In fact, I thought this film should be titled "Snowbell the Talking Cat." The troop of talking cats were real cats with computer animated mouths. To say the least, they appeared realistic.

The animation of Stuart Little himself was astounding. Every last detail right down to his fingers and toes appeared lifelike. As I watched the film, I laughed as I imagined millions of little children going home and attempting to communicate with their household pets and rodents. I was also extremely jealous that this type of film was not around when I was of an age to properly appreciate its story. When we were kids, we actually had to imagine it for ourselves!

I only vaguely recollect reading the book, so the plot could have been a surprise. However, it is a children's story and, as such, the plot pretty much announces itself from the get go. The story begins with the Littles, played by Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie, at an orphanage. The two are preparing to adopt a younger brother for their child George, played by Jonathan Lipnicki of "Jerry Maguire" fame. While roaming the orphanage, the Littles encounter Stuart the talking mouse, who features the voice of Michael J. Fox. The Little family, amazed and charmed by the mouse's vocal antics, decides to adopt Stuart without further delay. As one can easily guess, this film requires a certain amount of suspension of disbelief. The remainder of the film deals with Stuart's quest to find his niche in the family. Along the way he encounters many difficulties, including an angry house cat and a wild car chase through Central Park. I doubt it would spoil the movie if I revealed the happy ending: Stuart succeeds!

The acting became a bit tiresome as the film progressed. I will admit that I have a bit of a bias in that I truly dislike Geena Davis in most movies. However, that is not the only facet of this film's acting that bothered me. It was extremely strange and disconcerting, as well as perhaps degrading to the human actors, to see animated characters and domestic animals appear more realistic than the actual living breathing characters. The only human character that deserves praise is Jonathon Lipnicki. Although he plays pretty much the same character as "Ray" in "Jerry MacGuire," he remains extremely cute and funny. This kid had better get in as much acting as he can before he grows out of his typecast role.

All in all, I would recommend this movie as a good rental. Definitely save the $8, it gains nothing from the big screen. You might even want to wait until you have kids of your own for this one. Unless, of course, you find talking animals as funny as I do!

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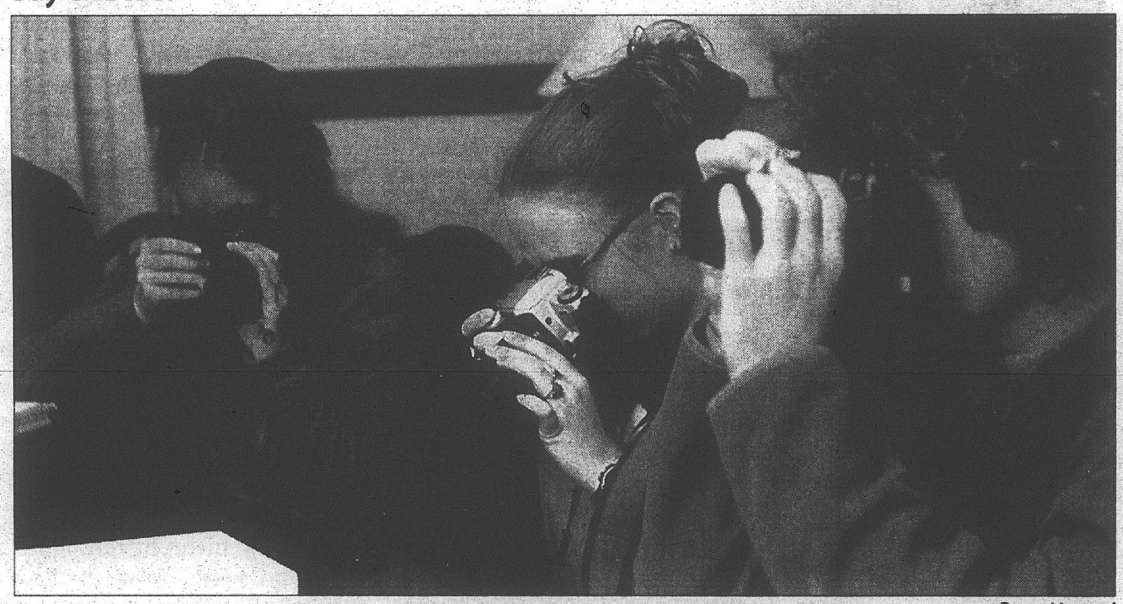

Peter Huoppi

Learning about the wonders of f-stops and shutter speeds, *students in a winter term black and white photography workshop taught by David Barreda '00 practice taking light meter readings*

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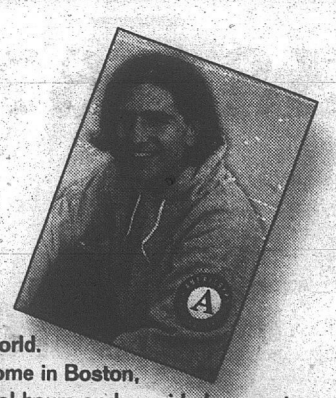

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Women's basketball defeats Castleton, wins fifth straight game

Andrew Corrigan

Senior Dawn Trowbridge drives baseline against Springfield on Saturday.

By Otie Hart
Sports Editor

The Middlebury women's basketball team has won five straight games, the latest coming in wins against Springfield College and Castleton State College.

Women's Basketball

Saturday, January 8

Springfield	42
Middlebury	63

Tuesday, January 11

Castleton State	53
Middlebury	59

On Saturday, January 8, the women faced off with the Pride of Springfield. No, not the Simpsons—they played the Springfield Pride women's basketball team. This was never really a contest for the Panthers, who took off to an 18-6 lead.

The Pride had come in with a 7-2 record, but Middlebury hardly noticed. The Panthers shot 50 percent in the first half and went into the break leading 32-16. It helped that Springfield hit only six of 26 shots in the first 20 minutes. The Panther defense was very impressive, as no Pride player hit double digits.

The Panthers led by 20 points for most of the second half and walked away with a 63-42 victory.

First-year Kristin Hanley continued her strong play this season, leading the team with 16 points. Another first-year Wesley Hyatt grabbed 7 boards to lead the Panthers. Senior captain Dawn Trowbridge also chipped in with 15 points. Junior Megan McCosker did not score, but did dish out four assists.

After the Springfield blowout, the Panthers faced a tougher opponent in Castleton State. Middlebury did not help its cause, shooting only 28.9 percent from the floor in the first half, but still managed to grab a 31-26 halftime lead, thanks to their tough defense.

The second half was closer, but the Panthers never trailed. Despite a flurry of shots by Castleton at the end, Middlebury hung on for a six-point victory, 59-53. The Panthers only shot 31.9 percent for the game, but their free throw shooting helped keep the lead down the stretch. Middlebury shot 14-15 from the charity stripe, with McCosker hitting all six of her foul shots.

McCosker also lead the team in scoring with 13 points. She also dominated on defense with four steals and rebounds with a whopping 15. Hanley also played strong, grabbing a gaudy 12 boards. The Panthers as a whole beat-up on Castleton down low, winning the rebound margin by 14 boards, 53-39.

Middlebury will test their five-game winning streak this week, playing three straight road games, starting with Hamilton College on January 15. The team then travels to Union College on January 22 and Colby-Sawyer on January 25. The team returns to Pepin Gymnasium on January 28 against Connecticut College.

Swimming and diving takes on Maine rivals

By Otie Hart
Sports Editor

The Middlebury swimming and diving teams went three for four in Maine, as the men defeated Bates and Colby, while the women pounded the Bobcats, but lost a close meet to the Mules.

The men were led by seniors Ian Doherty and David Shomaker, with each captain winning two events. Shomaker won the 50 and 100 freestyle races, while Doherty triumphed in the 200 freestyle and the 200 backstroke.

In all, the men creamed Bates, winning 11 events and setting two pool records. The final points tally was 183-92 in favor of the Panthers.

The women also did very well in Lewiston, powered by senior Jen Calfee's three victories. Calfee won the 100 backstroke, the 200 backstroke and the 100 individual medley. Middlebury was also successful in the diving competition, with senior Carrie Pistenmaa winning both the 1m and the 3m events. The final score was 168.5-129.

The men did even better in Waterville, where they faced off against an overmatched Colby squad. Doherty won another two races, this time the 50 and 100 backstroke competitions. Shomaker won the 300 freestyle and the Panthers absolutely crushed the Mules 193-99.

The women faced a tougher task, taking on a very talented Colby team. The Panthers came close, but just missed a victory 150-148. Calfee was again successful, winning both the 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley.

The Panthers' next meet is this Saturday, at home against Hamilton. The meet begins at 2 p.m.

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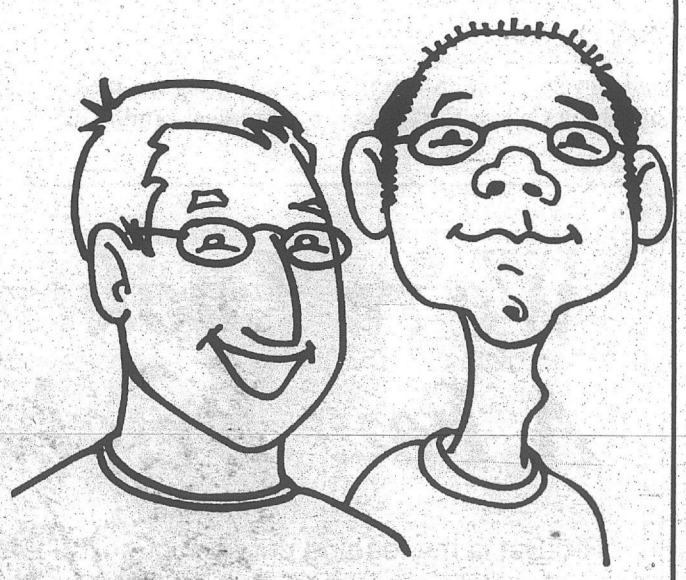

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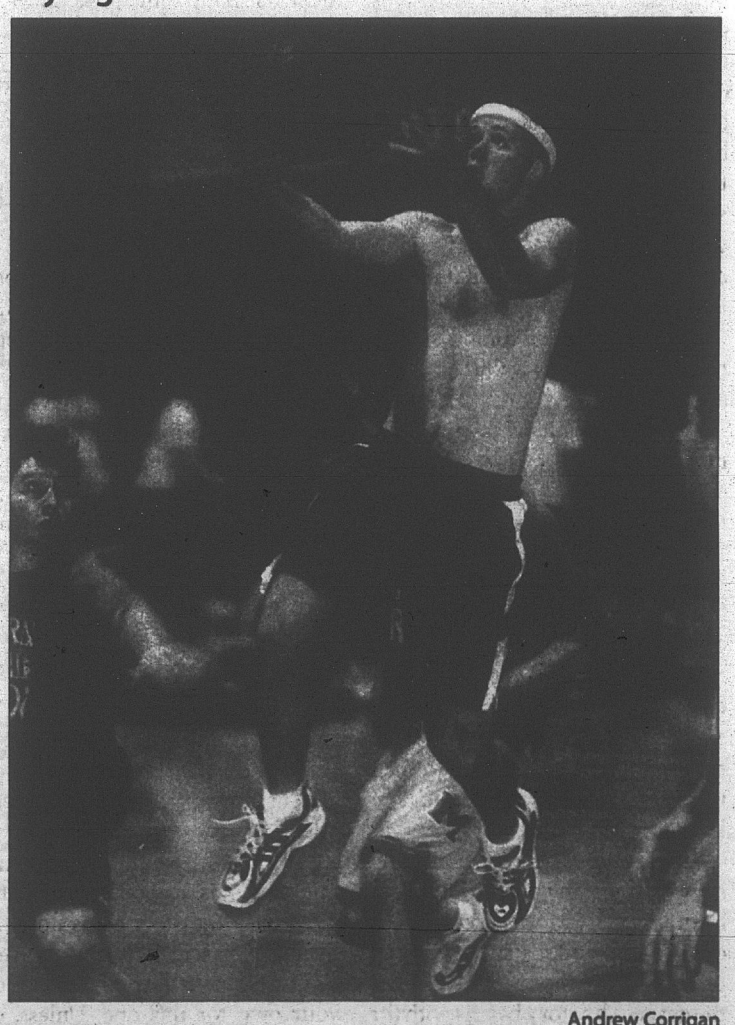

Andrew Corrigan

Shown here taking his game to the next level, *Orin Moore '00 is one of many students taking part in this year's intramural basketball league.*

Women's hockey beats Czech national team

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own performance. "With half a season left to play, the only goal we are looking toward is a National Championship," Ryan said. "Everything else seems to be a minor thing compared to that. A National championship is what we seniors have waited four years to be able to compete for."

As much as the Panther offense and Ryan's heroics were impressive in their Connecticut roadtrip, the Middlebury defense and goaltending also deserve accolades. The defense has been a wall this year, having given up only two goals this season in NCAA play, and only 49 shots on goal. For perspective, the Panthers have scored 49 goals this year. In many of their games, the Panthers have barely afforded their opponent the chance to touch the puck – Trinity and Wesleyan were given no special opportunities.

To start the season, Coach Bill Mandigo instituted a new system that would play two forwards and three defensemen on the ice, instead of the typical three forwards and two defenders. According to Hall, "I think that changing our lines [to two forwards and three backs]... has helped in our defensive zone coverage." Across the board, Hall says that the team has been aided by their overall depth, which can be partially attributed to the strong freshman class.

In earlier action, at the end of the fall semester, the team took to the ice against St. Laurent (Quebec). Last season, the Patriotes of St. Laurent defeated Middlebury 4-2 in Montreal, but saw the Panthers avenge the loss 5-2 in Middlebury. This year, a 3-2 victory allowed Middlebury to finish the first semester undefeated while taking out one of their toughest foes of the season. The Panthers opened the scoring early in the first period, with Kapus putting the puck in the net (assisted by Ryan and Richmond). At 6:11 of the second, Sarah Carpenter '01 took the puck into the St. Laurent zone and made several moves before tallying the Panthers' second goal.

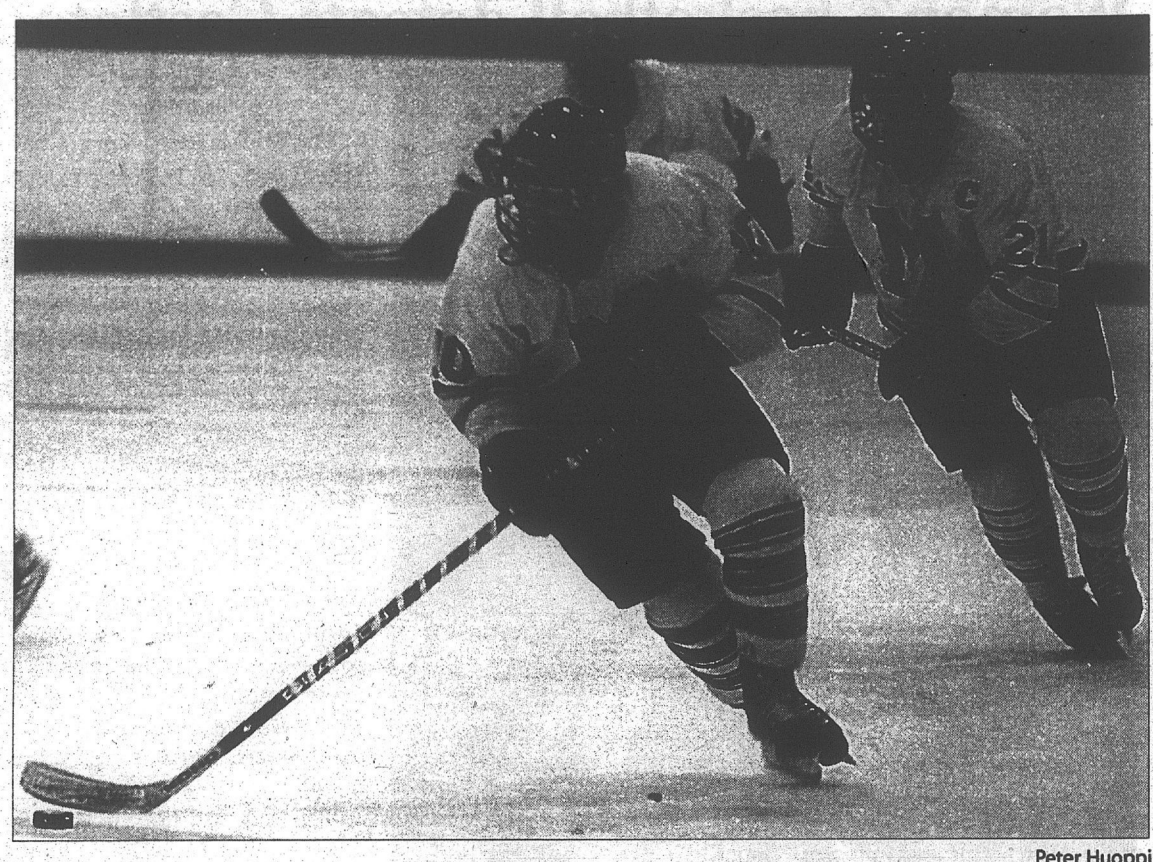
St. Laurent evened the score, shocking the Panthers with two shorthanded goals in the second period. Late in the second, Ryan notched the game-winning goal (assisted by Kapus and Catherine Pullins '00) to move the score to 3-2, in favor Middlebury.

The third period saw neither team able to score. The Panthers could not convert on three power-play opportunities but hung on for the victory. Hutchinson stopped 13 shots in net, while the Panthers put 26 shots on the Patriotes goalie.

According to Coach Mandigo, the team responded well to a tough opponent who could skate with them. He stressed that the Panthers stepped up to the task of having to play the game without Labbe and McDougall, and that he was pleased with the team's effort and happy that the women came out with the win.

Over the holiday break, the Panthers traveled to Europe for a nine day European Tour that saw them play four games against top-level opponents. The Panthers took on the Swiss National B-team, earning a 5-4 victory, and the Czech National Team, winning a 7-1 blowout. Middlebury's women also met the two best Swiss club teams, losing 4-0 to Illnau and dropping a close 5-3 New Year's Day game to St. Gallen. Mandigo stressed that the tour served the dual purpose of allowing the team to play high-quality competition and to experience some of the culture and sights of Europe.

The Panthers remain in first place in the ECAC Division III league, and retained the US College Hockey Online poll's number one position as the only undefeated women's Division III team in the country. The team next plays at Boston College Thursday evening at 7 p.m., before facing off at home against MIT this Saturday at 7 p.m. and Amherst College this Sunday at 2 p.m.



Peter Huoppi

Junior Scott Goldman rushes the puck up the ice flanked by his older brother Curt '00 against St. Norbert.

Panthers shut out league opponents

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first and UMASS gaining an edge on Middlebury in the second with 14 shots to Middlebury's six. Finally, with 45:21 gone in the game, junior Scott Goldman put a shot in past the UMASS goaltender to make it a Middlebury game. Skoglund scored a shorthanded insurance goal with 1:22 remaining to make the final score 2-0. In goal, Marsh recorded his first shutout of the season with 23 saves.

Middlebury finished the weekend off with a handy 6-0 tromping of Babson College. Curt Goldman showed Babson what to expect for the rest of the game, scoring his first goal with just 33 seconds gone on the clock off an assist from Giannacopoulos and David Bracken '00. Giannacopoulos scored one of his own later in the period during a power play, with Curt Goldman returning the earlier favor with an assist.

The beginning of the second period looked much like the first, with Curt Goldman coming out firing, this time only allowing the clock to run for 29 seconds before assaulting the Babson goaltender. Bracken and Giannacopoulos again assisted him. Once again, Giannacopoulos followed with one of his own, assisted by Curt Goldman and Curtin. Snyder added the third goal of the period at the 6:01 mark, thanks to some pretty passing by Eric Zink '00 and Milan Sloboda '03.

A Greiner goal midway through the second period finalized the game's score at 6-0. The Panthers took the saying "the best defense is a good offense" to heart in this game, outshooting Babson 51-15. Marsh continued his tradition of shutouts, making 15 saves in the win.

Indoor Track and Field competes at Dartmouth

By Otie Hart
Sports Editor

The Middlebury indoor track and field teams traveled to Hanover, New Hampshire, last weekend to take part in the 31st annual Dartmouth Relays.

Defending NCAA high jump champion Kristy Laramee '01 leaped past everyone with a jump of 5'6", beating the nearest competitors by 1.75 inches.

First-year Natalie Howley placed well in two events. Howley finished eighth in the triple jump, with a leap of 31'10", and ninth in the long jump with a jump of 15'1.25".

Junior Kasie Wallace also had two honorable showings. Wallace finished ninth in the mile with a time of 5:20.22. She also placed 11th in the 3,000 meters, finishing with a time of 10:52.19.

Middlebury saw another first-year do very well. Michela Adrian finished 11th in the mile with a time of 5:21.59, just over a second behind Wallace.

The men also competed at Dartmouth. Junior Jim Becker scored a top-ten finish in the pentathlon. He finished tenth with a score of 2,649.

Senior Krishna Moody ran well in the 800 meters and finished 21st with a time of 2:07.28.

Senior Josh Fisher ran a good 3,000 meters and finished 18th with a time of 9:33.84.

The team's next competition is this weekend at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

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Springfield, Brandeis shoot foul shots past Panthers

By Otie Hart
Sports Editor

The Middlebury men's basketball team, coming off a month long nap, struggled against a much bigger Springfield team, falling 81-67 at home on January 8.

Men's Basketball

Saturday, November 18th

Springfield	81
Middlebury	67

Friday, November 24th

Middlebury	73
Brandeis	79

The 5-4 Panthers saw a promising beginning quickly slip away during an 18-3 Springfield run at the end of the first half. Middlebury went scoreless during the last 4:08 before the break.

The story of the game was the end of the first half. After junior Jon Cormier hit an amazing double-pump layup while being fouled, the score was tied at 22. Then, things fell apart for the Panthers.

"We did not make any defensive stands in the last six minutes," Cormier said. "I think we got caught up in all the excitement—we were playing pretty well—and then got out of our offense and stopped executing."

Through a series of turnovers and missed shots, the Panthers scored only three points in the last 5:56 of the first half, with those points coming on a Andrew Shogan '01 three-point shot. Springfield, on the other hand, was hot. They hit two shots from behind the three-point arc and converted on two three-point plays in the last two minutes of the first half to take a 40-25 lead into the break.

Springfield was simply bigger under the basket, and the Panthers could not answer the Pride's consistent offensive rebounding and second-chance points. Coach Jeff Brown knew coming in that rebounding would be important.

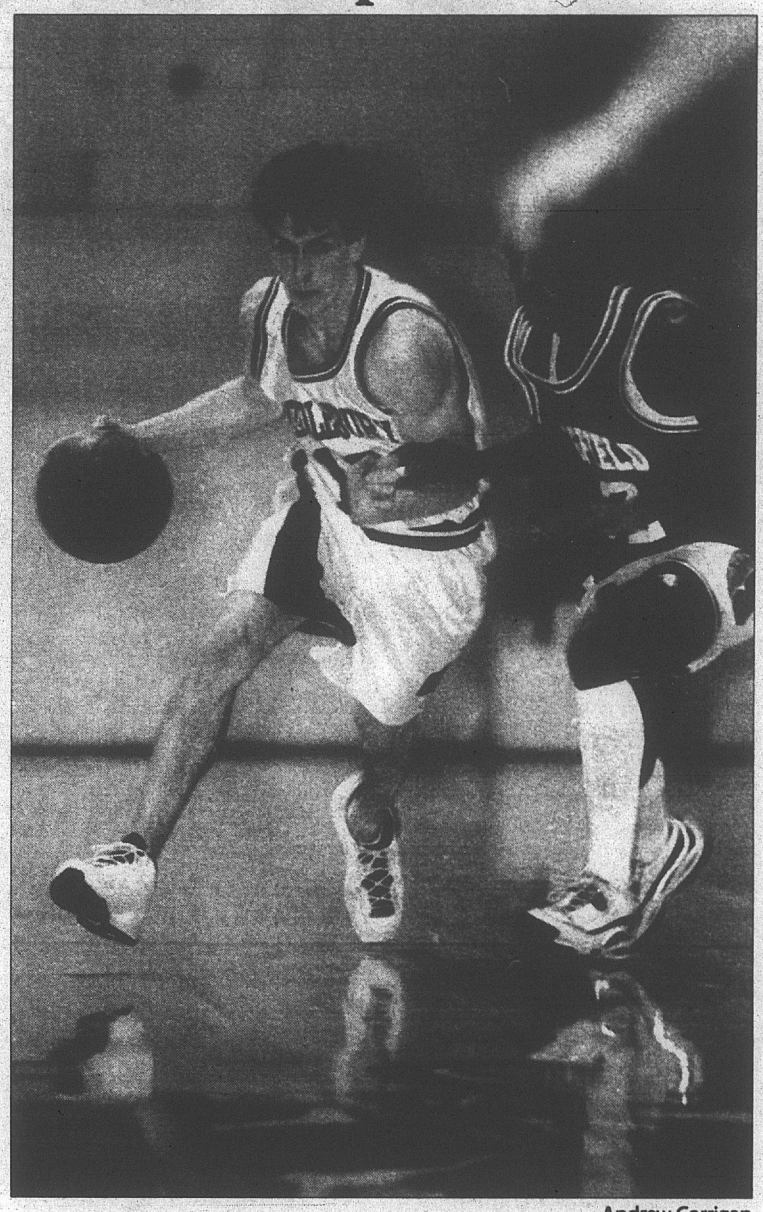
"They really hurt us on the weak side with offensive boards," Brown said. "They seemed quicker to the basketball than we did. We're going to have to work more in practice on boxing out and being more competitive on the boards."

The Panthers had a tough time defending Springfield's larger forwards. Michael Parker (6'4") scored 17 points and Adetokunbo Adewuyi (6'4") hit for 12, connecting on six of seven shots. Springfield shot 54 percent from the field, compared to the Panthers' 35 percent.

"We need to shoot the ball better. As a team, our field goal percentage is nowhere near where it needs to be."
—Coach Jeff Brown

Brown knows the Panthers need to improve their shooting if they want to have a successful season.

"I'm very worried about our shooting," Brown said. "We need to shoot the ball better. As a team, our field goal percentage is nowhere near where it needs to be right now."



Andrew Corrigan
Junior Ryan Tilley dribbles past a Springfield defender in the Panthers' loss.

Senior captains John Barrett and Craig Breen are having tough years from the floor with Barrett shooting 22 percent and Breen hitting 32 percent of his shots. The team as a whole is shooting 37 percent, while their opponents are hitting 43 percent of their shots.

The Panthers relied heavily on the three-point shot against Springfield, taking 20 shots in the first half alone. The downside was, they only hit four of them. The game ended with Middlebury hitting eight of 32 treys.

The Panthers actually had more field goals in the second half than the Pride (15 to 10), but Springfield went to the foul line 27 times and hit 20 of their attempts. In comparison, the Panthers only made 11 foul shots all night long. This was a result of the Pride's strong inside game drawing fouls, while Middlebury's perimeter-angled game created few free throw opportunities.

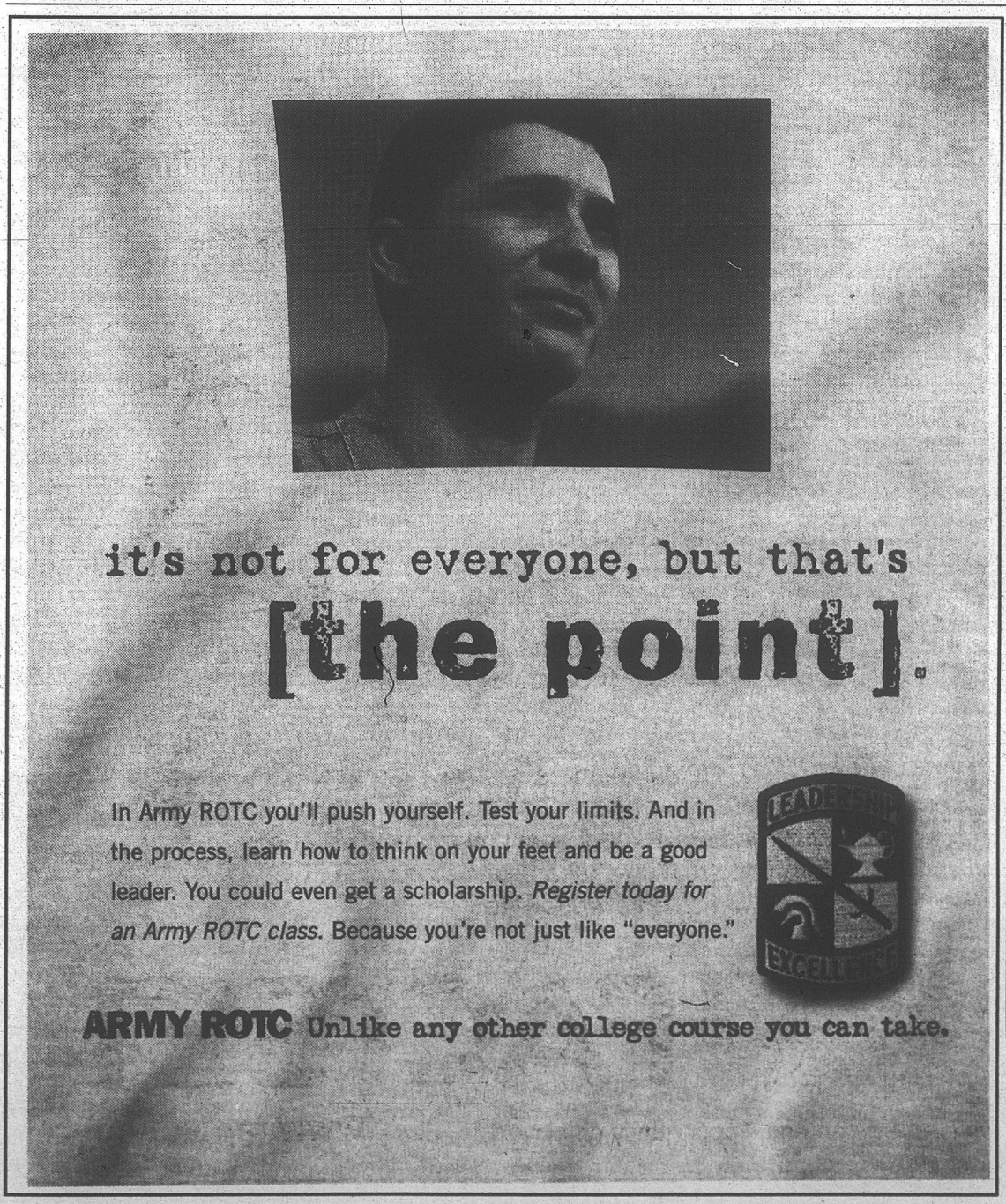
Breen led the team with 15 points. Junior Chad Malone and Shogan tied for the team lead in rebounds with six apiece.

The men traveled to Brandeis on January 11 in the hopes of rebounding from the Springfield loss. The Judges, however, kept the Panthers winless in the year 2000, winning 79-73.

Middlebury played well. They shot 44 percent from the field, including 10-26 from three-point range. They equaled Brandeis in turnovers with 14 a piece. They only lost the rebound war by five, 40 to 35.

Like the Springfield game, however, Middlebury may have lost the game on the foul line. They send the Judges to the line 23 times, where they hit 18 shots. The Panthers went to the line four times all night, hitting three of them. That is a 15-point difference. Middlebury only lost by six.

Shogan led the team in scoring with 17 on seven-of-13 shooting.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Trader Duke

By Otie Hart
Procrastinating Prognasticator

This is Dan Duquette's favorite time of year.

While the often-criticized Red Sox General Manager does have horrible people skills and challenges Marge Schott on social skills, the man can be a genius behind the scenes. Most critics forget that the Duke traded Heathcliff Slocumb, unarguably the worst closer in Major League Baseball at the time, for two prospects named Derek Lowe, now deemed by many as one of the ten most valuable pitchers in baseball, and Jason Veritek, who is the best American League catcher outside of Texas.

Yes, the Duke has actually reversed Boston's long-held tendency to trade away talent for nothing in return. It is well known that the Sox traded Jeff Bagwell for Larry Andersen (who?). Well, the Duke got back at the Astros in December by stealing budding superstar Carl Everett from Houston for Adam Everett, the Sox first-round pick two years ago. This is a great trade for two reasons:

1) Adam Everett, a shortstop, obviously was not going anywhere in the Sox organization. Plus, his hitting in Class A is only around .260 (he's known as a great defensive prospect).

2) Carl, on the other hand, may be one of the top ten offensive players in the American League. Hitting 25 homers and driving in 108 runs does not, at first glance, look like superstar numbers. However, figure in that Carl only played 123 games last year and that half of his at bats cam e in the Astrodome (every pitcher's favorite park) and those numbers become pretty impressive. He also plays a mean center field, allowing Darren Lewis to play his true position as team leader on the bench and platoon in right field.

Duquette was only able to make this trade because of Houston's major cuts in pay roll. Everett becomes a free agent after next season and could demand a pretty penny on the open market. Duquette, however, will probably lock up Everett with a contract this winter.

The Duke's other wise acquisition was the addition of pitcher Jeff Fassero, reuniting with him with his Expos pitching coach, Joe Kerrigan. While Joe was coaching Jeff in Montreal, Fassero had an ERA over 4.00 only once and developed into one of the best lefthanded starters in the league.

Fassero has certainly lost a step, but there are not many number three starters out there with his talent. Plus, and maybe most importantly, he's left handed, a rarity these days in the AL.

With Duquette's two major acquisitions, and Ramon Martinez's reemergence as a star starting pitcher, look for Boston to make another run at the wild card next year. And this time, assuming the umps do their job, the Sox will have a legitimate shot at the Yankees.

Ryan sets scoring record as women keep winning

By Mike Hartt & Margaret Aycock
Staff Writers

This past weekend, the Middlebury women's ice hockey team continued to steamroll over their opponents as they notched their fourth and fifth shutouts of the season, tallying 17 goals in two games.

Women's Hockey

Friday, January 7

Middlebury	8
Wesleyan	0

Saturday, January 8

Middlebury	9
Trinity	0

On the road in Connecticut at Trinity College and Wesleyan University, the Panthers played outstanding hockey at both ends of the ice—the team's high-flying offense scored more goals than the defense allowed shots-on-goal.

The highlight of the two blowout wins, 8-0 over Wesleyan and 9-0 over Trinity, undoubtedly came at 7:11 of the third period against Trinity, when Sylvia Ryan '00 notched her 92nd collegiate goal, moving her to the top of the Middlebury career goals-scored record book. For her standout performance, Ryan was named the NESCAC and ECAC Player of the Week.

Against the Wesleyan Cardinals, the Panthers started the scoring 37 seconds into the game, with Ryan putting the first of her six goals of the weekend past the Cardinals' netminder, with assists to Michelle Labbe '01 and Laurie Richmond '02. The game remained close until 15:40 of the first, when defenseman Amber Neil '03 put the puck in the net, assisted by twin-sister Erin Neil '03 and Angela Kapus '03, to make the score 2-0.

Kelly Hase '00 and Nico Kieves '02 tallied goals in the second period (assists to A. Neil on the first-Labbe and Ryan on the second).

Starting the third, Labbe capitalized on a power play with a goal on assists from Ryan and Catherine Elkins '02, upping the score to 5-0. Ryan scored her second goal of the game eight minutes later, on an assist from Audrey Pellerin '03, followed by a goal by Christa McDougall '00 (assist by Hase).

With the score 7-0, the Panthers were called for too many skaters on the ice, but even a 5-on-4 Wesleyan power play could not slow the Panthers. With nine seconds remaining on the clock, Ryan scored a short-handed goal to complete her hat trick, moving her three goals away from the Middlebury women's goal record.

The Panthers outshot Wesleyan 47-11 in the win, with goalkeeper Beth Denoncourt '00 stonewalling the Cardinals.

"The team did a tremendous job of playing our game and doing the things we need to do to be successful," Assistant Coach Michelyne Pinard said. "They did a great job of staying focused."

Sunday afternoon, the team took to the ice against the Trinity Bantams and never gave their opponent the chance to earn a win. Four minutes into the game, Middlebury was whistled for a checking penalty, and the Bantams thought they smelled blood. It was their own – the Panthers' Labbe scored a shorthanded goal on an assist from Elkins. Later in the period, Middlebury's women put the game away, thanks to goals from Ryan (assists to Labbe and Elissa Burnell '01), Molly Barefoot '03 (assists to E. Neil and Burnell) and Jacqui Phillips '03 (assists to McDougall and Nico Kieves). The Panthers finished the period up 4-0.

The relentless attack continued to press in the second, with Elkins (A. Neil), Ryan (A. Neil), Labbe (Ryan and A. Neil), and Hase (McDougall and Sarah Hall '00) all scoring goals to make the score 8-0. Ryan's goal, a flip pass that trickled over the goal line, tied her at 91 goals with Jen Hefner '97 for first place on the Panthers' all-time list.

During the third period, the Panthers only scored one goal; Sylvia Ryan's third goal of the game (giving her two hat tricks on the weekend) broke Middlebury's career goals scored record. Ryan's teammates kept feeding her the puck in the slot until she was able to convert on a pass from Michelle Labbe at 7:11 into the period.

The Panthers defense held Trinity scoreless for the entire game, and goalie Megan Hutchinson '02 only had to make five saves to earn the win (in contrast to Middlebury's 55 shots).

"I certainly did not break the record on my own," said Ryan about her accomplishment. "I had the pleasure of playing with some very talented hockey players, Jen Hefner, who held the record before me, Michelle Labbe, who has been my linemate for the past two years, and numerous others, too many to name."

Teammate Labbe commended Ryan, "She is a very talented player, but more so she has a great work ethic. We can always count on Sylvia to step up the play when our team needs it."

Ryan stressed the team's ambitions for the year more than her

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Sylvia Ryan '00 became Middlebury's career leader in goals scored this past weekend when she scored her 91st.

Men's hockey shuts out opponents

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The Panthers went three for four to start the new millennium, as the Middlebury men's ice hockey team racked up wins against Southern Maine, UMASS-Boston and Babson. The Panthers are now ranked 11th in the latest national poll.

Men's Hockey

Friday, January 7

Middlebury	2
UMASS-Boston	0

Saturday, January 8

Middlebury	6
Babson	0

The action started on New Year's Day, as the Panthers took on the St. Norbert Green Knights in the Holiday Classic at Middlebury. St. Norbert, whom the Panthers defeated in the '99 NCAA Quarterfinals, got on the board only two minutes into the game, giving them a lead that would last almost the entire first period. Matt Dunn '02 put home a rebound to make it a tie score at the 18:49 mark, assisted by Andrew Campbell '02 and John Giannacopoulos '00.

Although the Panthers outshot the Green Knights 9-4 in the second period, St. Norbert took the period, scoring one goal at the 6:37 mark and another twelve minutes later, giving them a two goal lead at the end of the second period.

St. Norbert added another goal in the third period before senior captain Curt Goldman sent in a wrist shot late in the third. While Middlebury outshot St. Norbert 22-15 over the course of the game, the Panther effort would not prove to be enough, and the final score stood at 4-2 in favor of St. Norbert. In goal, Jon Marsh '00 made 11 saves, while Colin Morawski was not challenged during his six minutes of ice time.

The Panthers returned to the ice two days later to take on Southern Maine for their second game of the Holiday Classic. Two quick goals from Matt Dunn gave Middlebury an early lead. Dunn got his stick on a Giannacopoulos slap shot, tipping it in at the 4:37 mark for the Panthers first tally. Fifty-three seconds later, Dunn hit again finding the net with a wrister in the slot. First-year David Greiner made it a 3-0 game, putting in a shot off an assist from sophomore Matt Snyder. The Panthers extended their lead to 4-0 to end the first period after junior Scot Curtin sent in a shot from the left circle.

The Panthers allowed Southern Maine one goal in the second period, but kept the pressure on, outshooting Southern Maine 14-3. They were unable to find the back of the net again until the third period, when first-year J.F. Duchesne scored his first career goal at the 5:55 mark. Junior Matt Skoglund added one more after an assist from Campbell and Curt Goldman to make the final score 6-1.

Sophomore goaltender Christian Carlsson made nine saves in goal in his first full game for Middlebury.

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Their game on January 7 at UMASS-Boston marked the Panthers' return to league play. The game went back and forth for the first two periods, with Middlebury outshooting UMASS 14-4 in the

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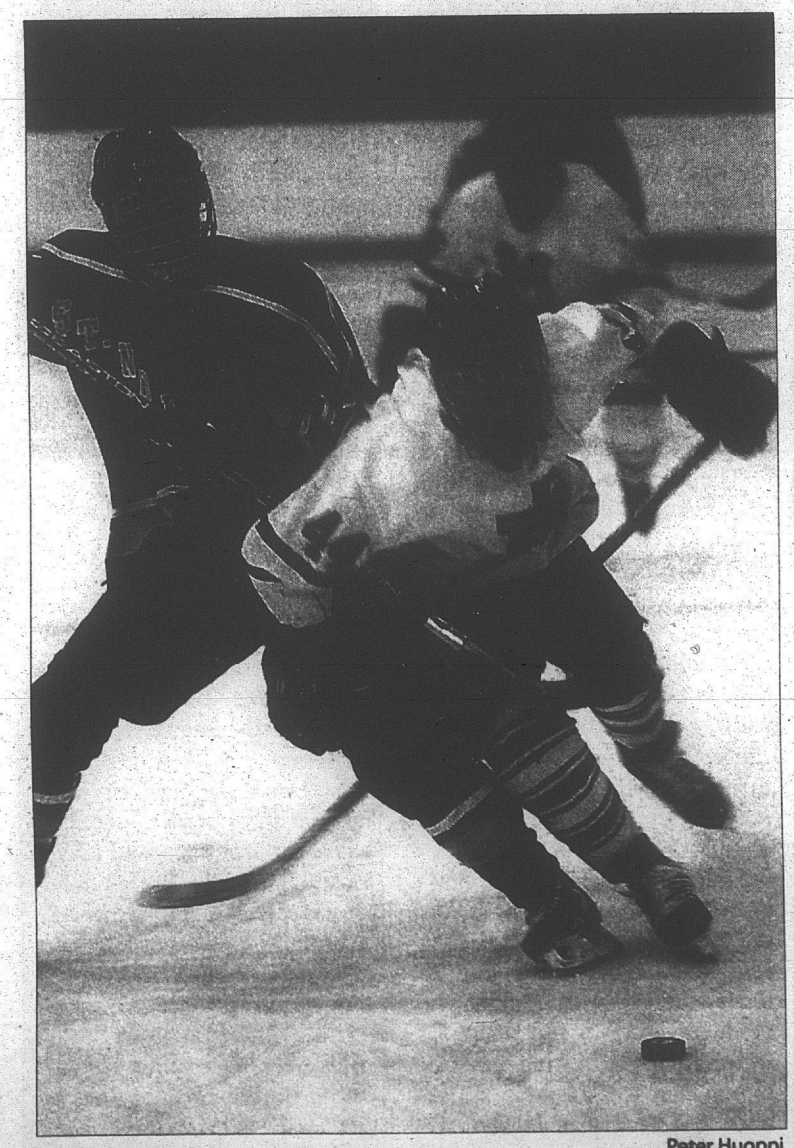

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Senior wing John Giannacopoulos is tripped up by a St. Norbert defender